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## SHATTERING BLOW TO ITALIAN NAVAL STRENGTH IN BATTLE OF IONIAN SEA

### FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH FLEEING ENEMY FLEET SLOWED DOWN BY THE PURSUING AIRCRAFT

#### 12-Hour Chase Over Distance Of 200 Miles

##### ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM EXPRESSES THANKS AND "WELL DONE"

THE FULL STORY OF THE NAVAL BATTLE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN ON FRIDAY REVEALS THAT IT WAS THE FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH A FLEEING ENEMY BATTLE FLEET WAS SLOWED DOWN BY PURSUING AIRCRAFT, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE WHICH ADDS THAT THE ACTION WILL PROBABLY GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE BATTLE OF THE IONIAN SEA.

ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM'S Fleet, led by H.M.S. WARSPITE, dealt a shattering blow to the Italian Fleet, sinking three cruisers, FIUME, POLA and ZARA, and two large destroyers, VINCENZO and GIOBERTI. Another cruiser, GIOVANNE DELLE, and a destroyer were probably sunk.

No damage was sustained by the British apart from two aircraft missing. Rome Radio admitted the loss of three cruisers and two destroyers but claimed that a British cruiser was sunk and two destroyers damaged.

## SLAP IN FACE THAT HITLER DESERVES

"What a glorious week this has been to be sure," said MR. HOWARD MARSHALL, B. C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday giving "News from Home."

Mr. Marshall was commenting on the brilliant victories at Kerem Harar and Dredawa, the revolution in Yugoslavia and Admiral Cunningham's triumph in the Mediterranean.

"No wonder the free people of the world have been jubilant," he said. "No wonder we have been talking of the turning point in the war. The people whom I have

seen and who spoke of what has happened in Yugoslavia describe it as a slap in the face that Hitler deserves.

### RECONNAISSANCE CORPS TOUGH

"These men have got to be tough not only in body but even in spirit," said MR. ROBIN DUFF, B.C. commentator, in the course of a description of Britain's reconnaissance corps which consists of parachute troops.

Mr. Duff said that he had had a long talk with two of these volunteers, one a sergeant and the other a corporal, and he was able to understand the difficulties and dangers of their work, particularly after they had made a landing.

The main point in their training was to teach them how to fall so as not to sustain a broken limb or a knock on the head.

"My one impression of them," said Mr. Duff, "was their sheer toughness and this comes about in their training which includes boxing and wrestling."

### ENEMY SHIPS ATTACKED

Two enemy ships were attacked off Le Havre yesterday, states a London message which adds that direct hits were scored and both ships were on fire and sinking when last seen.

"It is the first time that the people of a country has refused to buckle down to Nazi bombardment and to Herr Hitler's bluff. The revolution in Yugoslavia has given a far greater impetus to all the free countries than anything else. It is more than a political gesture and it exposes the crumbling Nazi methods and has completely upset Herr Hitler's plan."

### UNPREPARED CAMPAIGN

"Herr Hitler may now be forced to gamble upon an unprepared and unexpected military campaign in the Balkans. His air and his methods were intended to have been a bloodless victory with a carefully planned sweep against his opponents. These methods do not seem likely to work now in the Balkans."

"Herr Hitler must be beginning to see that the cards are running against him and although he is still capable of playing a hand, he must see that he is on the slide."

"I wonder if Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini really imagined that the democracies were decadent. If they did, they must be disillusioned now."

"When the full story of our operations in the Mediterranean comes to be written, we will have something to be proud of. That is how we feel about things today—proud and confident—and we are completely convinced that we are heading for victory."

A message from Alexandria states that the chase lasted for 12 hours and the entire action from beginning to end was fought over a distance of 200 miles.

ON RETURNING TO PORT, ADMIRAL CUNNINGHAM SIGNALLED TO ALL SHIPS EXPRESSING HIS THANKS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, ADDING, "WELL DONE."

The action has been hailed in the BRITISH and AMERICAN PRESS as the naval highlight of the war.

THE TIMES: "The action is a terrible blow to Fascist Italy who has been smitten

in the theatre of war where she has been engaged."

THE NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE: "Cunningham's artillery has written a thunderous climax to a month already filled with reverberating successes for the democratic cause."

THE NEW YORK TIMES: "Italy has already lost her empire."

By this latest British naval success, more than one-third of Italy's total cruiser strength has been sunk or badly damaged. Most of the battleships have been crippled or put out of action. Ten destroyers have been sunk.

### 1,000 SURVIVORS

Referring to the battle in the Eastern Mediterranean, the London message stated that 1,000 Italian survivors were rescued and that 200 or 300 more might have been saved but for German dive-bombing attacks on the rescue ships. For this reason the commanders of the ships engaged in this work decided not to incur further risks.

Two German dive-bombers were shot out of the sky.

Admiral Cunningham signalled the Chief of the Italian Naval Staff indicating the position of the survivors and suggested that a hospital ship be sent to the spot.

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Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, G.C.B., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.

## Italian Captain Ordered To Damage Ship

Axis and Danish ships seized by the United States authorities total 300,000 tons, states a London message. Danish ships, totalling 36 in nine ports, have been taken into protective custody to prevent possible sabotage by people other than members of the crews.

These ships are in addition to two German and 24 Italian which include the liner CONTE BIANCAMANO, well-known in the Far East.

President Roosevelt approved of the action after the discovery of wholesale damage.

The American authorities are acting under the provisions of a law dating back to the day when a ship is actually sabotaged it can be considered as forfeited.

RECEIVED ORDERS  
The captain of one Italian ship stated that about ten days ago he received orders from the Italian

Naval Attaché in Washington to damage his vessel.

It is added that the crews of the various ships involved will be handed over to the immigration authorities and will later be sent back to Italy.

### LIST OF FRENCH SHIPS

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The local police have completed a list of all French ships in the harbour here, numbering eight including the steam trans-Atlantic liner Normandie.

There is no indication whether this action is connected with the seizure of Axis ships.

## VICHY TO LODGE PROTEST INCIDENT OFF ALGIERS

In connexion with the exchange of shots between French shore batteries and British warships off Algiers it was stated in Vichy yesterday that a note of protest, is being sent to London through Washington, states a London message.

Admiral Darlan, who is in Paris, has issued a statement saying that the convoy carried no rubber or war material for the belligerents but it does not explain why French bombers were sent to attack the British vessels.

### WAR MATERIAL

It is known in London that one ship left Thailand with rubber and that other ships had war material in their holds.

The London message quoted from the new French transport programme by which Germany was to receive 30,000 tons of bauxite, 20,000 tons of aluminium and 10,000 tons of raw rubber and also shipments of nitrate from Chile.

## Japanese Offensive Is Now A Debacle

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The Japanese offensive in the Kiangsu-Chekiang border regions has turned into a debacle.

The Japanese have been driven back to Changning and the vicinity of Tsinan on the west bank of Taihu Lake from where they launched the offensive. Szean, Liyang, Linchengchen, and Changchun, strategic towns, have all been recaptured.

### HEAVY LOSSES

More than 30,000 Japanese including about 4,000 from Hangchow, 5,000 from Ningbo, 4,000 from Tienwangsu and Lishui, were massed for the offensive. They were blocked in their thrusts in every direction. Heavy losses were sustained by them in over two weeks' fighting.

Competent military observers believed that the Japanese took the recent offensive as a defensive measure in view of the depletion of their force and that they also intended to inflict a heavy blow upon the Chinese field force by a sudden large-scale attack.

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## GERMANY IN MOOD OF BAFFLED ANGER OVER COUP D'ETAT

AXIS CONCERN OVER THE SETBACK CAUSED BY THE COUP D'ETAT IN YUGOSLAVIA HAS CRYSTALLISED INTO A MOOD BEST DESCRIBED AS, BAFFLED ANGER, states a London message, which adds that the Berlin Radio is blaring forth a fresh volume of attacks one of which accuses BRITAIN and the UNITED STATES of "war-mongering interference. But, adds the radio, Germany and the German Army will take care of it."

The German Radio also states that the recent developments in Yugoslavia were brought about by British agents, thousands of them.

The London message added that hundreds of German nationals are leaving Belgrade and all the Italian newspapers have withdrawn their correspondents.

The Germans are trying to cause a division between the Croats and Serbs and a meeting, at which Dr. Matchack will preside, is to be held in Zagreb today. Belgrade messages state that there was much rejoicing in cafes over the British naval victory in the Mediterranean.

### IMPROVEMENT NECESSARY

TOKYO, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The YOMIURI SHIMBUN admits editorially this morning that Yugoslavia's sudden change of attitude meant "a severe setback for Axis plans in the Balkans."

It adds that improvement of the Axis military position in Albania and the Mediterranean is necessary to achieve a change in Yugoslavia's anti-Axis attitude.

## "THE QUEEN'S MESSENGERS"

Her Majesty the Queen has christened those in charge of the flying squad food conveyors, which consist of mobile canteens, as "The Queen's Messengers."

MR. HOWARD MARSHALL, who witnessed the presentation of these canteens by the Queen recently, said that they were meant to rush up at a moment's notice to a fire blitz taking hot food and drink to victims of the raid.

Her Majesty, presenting these canteens, said, "They will bring sympathy and loving kindness."

"This is in keeping with the attitude of the King and Queen who have always carried and given a message of kindness to their people," said Mr. Marshall.

## U.S. SQUADRON IN TAHITI

The United States naval squadron, consisting of two cruisers and four destroyers, which recently visited Australia, is now in Tahiti, states a message from Sydney.

## MUCH MORE SEVERE ATTITUDE

### REICH PRESTIGE "ENDANGERED"

Messages from Belgrade, quoted in a London message, state that the German Legation there has announced that the German Minister in Belgrade, Herr von Heeren, is leaving for Berlin. The Yugoslav Minister in Berlin has already arrived in Belgrade.

The Germans are conducting a much more threatening tone now towards Yugoslavia.

A message from German sources states, "The Reich cannot stand having its prestige endangered. The Yugoslav Government must realise that our generosity must come to an end some day."

German sources in Belgrade declare that Germany is waiting until the last German national has left Yugoslavia to serve an ultimatum demanding the demobilisation of the army.

The deadline for the last German to leave was stated to be midnight last night.

This report, the London message adds, is not confirmed from other sources.

## Offensive Activity Ceases

LONDON, Mar. 31 (BWS).—While Greek offensive patrols continue to work with success on the Albanian front, Italian offensive activity seems once more to have ceased.

Messages from Athens state that there had been no enemy patrols out since Thursday night.

Cold weather is affecting the Italians and the prisoners speak of as many as 30,000 "frost" casualties per month.

An official communique issued from British Headquarters of the R.A.F. in Athens states that bomber aircraft attacked objectives in and near the town of El Pazar yesterday with successful results.

Offensive reconnaissance flights were carried out in the Tepi area, also with good results.

## Low-Flying Attacks "Stir Things Up"

"The larger interests of the low-flying attacks being made by the Royal Air Force over Germany and Germany-occupied territory are in the way they stir things up," said MR. OLIVER STEWART, B.C. aeronautical expert, speaking in London yesterday.

"Our fighters want to get at the German machines but the German machines don't come over here now so often and our pilots have to go after them."

"Of course, the Germans will not allow these low-flying attacks by the R.A.F. to go on indefinitely without some reply, but these attacks are particularly useful when they are made over occupied country because the people who see the red, white, and blue cockades on the machines recognise them as British, and wave to the pilots. This is the best form of propaganda."

### MUST BE ANNOYING

"These tactics must be as annoying to the Germans as anything could be. The Germans understand huge air forces working in mass attacks but these small attacks of ours must be most disconcerting to them. So, although the weight of these attacks is small it is important because of their swiftness, the propaganda value and nuisance value."

## Today's News Summary

ITALY'S NAVAL STRENGTH has been further crippled by the shattering blow dealt by the British Fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean on Friday in the battle of the Ionian Sea. Three cruisers and two large destroyers were sunk and it is thought that another cruiser and a destroyer were probably sent to the bottom. The British ships sustained no damage apart from two aircraft missing.

GERMANY IS IN A MOOD of baffled anger over the coup d'etat. Latest reports indicate that when the last Nazi national leaves Belgrade, Germany will present an ultimatum to Yugoslavia demanding demobilisation of the army. The German Minister in Belgrade has been told to leave for Berlin.

R.A.F. BOMBERS, IN POWERFUL force, straddled the docks at Brest. Air activity over Britain on Sunday night was on a small scale.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES occupied Dredawa on Saturday afternoon and this means that the railway between Addis Ababa and Djibouti has been cut.

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, is now in Rome where he will have talks with M. Duce and the Italian Foreign Minister today.



## Police Record First Win Of The Season

### RECREIO SAVED BY THE RAIN: PEARCE'S POLISHED CENTURY BY "BARNABAS"

Rain caused the abandonment of all cricket matches but one on Saturday. In all instances, play had to be given up after the half-way stage was reached. The only match played to a finish was the one at Happy Valley where the Police brought off their first win of the season when they beat the University seconds in a League encounter.

The University, in spite of being strengthened by the inclusion of three regular members of their First Team, proved no match for the Police. Against the accurate bowling of A. E. Carey and G. White, the Varsity found themselves in difficulties right from the word go.

T. Chin and C. N. Matthews were captured all the Varsity wickets between them. The former took 4 contributed double figures. Matthews had a merry knock which came to an end when Carey had him caught and bowled at 23. T. Chin also went out in the same manner.

Carey and White bowled out changed for the Police and they

The Police had a bad start when both C. Pope and W. Clarke lost their wickets for only 14 runs. However, they made a recovery, thanks to some fine batting by T. Hunter who contributed 34 not out. Aided by 12 from Carey and another 12 from H. Matches, the Police were able to overhaul the score of 58 put up by the Undergrads, and at the close of play they had 88 on the board for the loss of 7 wickets.

#### UNFINISHED MATCHES

Two other League matches arranged for Saturday were unfinished. These were the Recreation R.C. First Division match at King's Park and the one at Cox's Road between Kowloon C.C. Juniors and the Civil Service Juniors. These matches will probably be replayed.

As far as the Recreation were concerned, "Saved by the Rain" would be an apt description of their match against the Indians. They were playing without Eddie and J. M. Gosano and were in a precarious position when rain caused play to be abandoned.

They had got the Indians out pretty cheaply (for 116 runs, to be exact) due to some excellent bowling on the part of H. L. Oxtorio, who, in the course of 14 overs, took 7 wickets for 47 runs. But when they went in to bat in their turn, they found run getting extremely difficult against the redoubtable Mini-Mogdar attack and when rain made it impossible for further play they had lost four good wickets for a paltry 27.

#### K.C.C. ALL SET

At close of play in the Kowloon C.C.—Civil Service Second Division match, the former were in a good position. They needed 74 runs to win and had nine wickets in hand. The Civil Servants who batted first scored 128 runs, more than half of which came off the bat of G. Ainslie. He gave a splendid batting performance and had 94 to his credit when he was bowled by Willie Hing.

Kowloon C.C. had 51 runs on the board for the loss of W. Rapley's wicket. Baxter had 19 not out and Madar 11 not out.

#### PEARCE'S CENTURY

In a friendly cricket match at Chater Road between teams captained by T. A. Pearce and D. S. Robb, yet another century came rolling off the bat of Alec Pearce. He went in first wicket down.

Together with his younger brother John he helped to put on 81 runs for the third wicket. Most of the runs came off his bat. Where John's innings was chancy, he gave a polished display.

He was particularly severe on Dickie Richardson whom he hit for two sixes into Queen's Road and a four in succession before the bowler was taken off. He retired when he had exactly 100. He declared with the score at 180 for 5 wickets.

Robb had lost 4 wickets for only 27 runs when the match ended. Only Richardson seemed to be able to stand up to the bowling of Tropp who had bagged three wickets of the four wickets that fell. Richardson was still batting stubbornly and had scored 19 runs when the game was stopped.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

**TODAY**  
FOOTBALL.—Second Division, Service Corps v. South China (Sookunpoo) 5 p.m.  
SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Summer Swimming Season commences, pool re-opens.  
TENNIS.—Colony Champion ships, at H.K.C.C.

**TOMORROW**  
FOOTBALL.—First Division: Royal Navy v. Navy (Sookunpoo), 3.30 p.m.; Club v. Kwong Wah (Club), 5 p.m.; Second Division: R.E. v.



Mr. Benjamin Kwai-lau Lui and his bride, Miss Katherine Kam-sheung Lee.—(King's Studio).

## BADMINTON PLAYER MARRIED

### Mr. Benjamin Lui And Miss Katherine Lee

The Supreme Court Registry yesterday afternoon was the scene of a pretty wedding when MISS KATHERINE KAM-SHEUNG LEE, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cheung Hing, became the bride of Mr. BENJAMIN KWAI-LAU LUI, son of Mr. Lui Wai Chow, of Messrs. Lo and Lo, and Mrs. Lui.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

## HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR MACAO

The following are the handicap weights for the April Meet of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at the Arela Preta Course, Macao, on April 8.

"Chinshan Handicap": E Class—(1st Section).

Desert Star 145, Dow-Jones 142, Heddon 142, Matador 152, National Success 152, Piet Hein 159.

"Chinshan Handicap": E Class—(2nd Section).

Gallant Marshal 149, National Liberty 145, New Bedford 159, Plain View 141, Radium Star 159, Sports Venture 152.

"Chinshan Handicap": E Class—(3rd Section).

Black Diamond 152, Cuban Love 152, Iron Knight 135, Mac's Adventure 159, National Anthem 152, The Spirit of St. Louis 140.

"Linman Handicap": D Class.

Blue Field 159, Boolat Bay 159, Chatter Box 135, King's Worthy 138, Lovely Star 159, Night Express 152, Royal Highness 138, Sylvan-dale 145, West Lake 142.

"Lung Chen Handicap": Y Class.

Country Flower 140, Courneur Bleu 140, Fairy Auk 140, Fairy Ousel 150, Hormanay 140, Hohenfels 140, Meadow Eve 155, Merry Fatty 140, Merry Maker 140, Rothesay Bay 140, Shanghai 4 154, Shih Yin Grand 140, Victory Life 155, Wood Nymph 140.

"The Shekhi Plate": K Class.

Cloudy Star 149, Double Up 140, Eagle 148, Iron Knight 152, National Triumph 152, The Mermaid 149, The Spirit of St. Louis 146.

Sing Tao (Sookunpoo), 5 p.m.; Police v. 30th R.A. (Boundary Street), 4.30 p.m.; Third Division: R.E. v. 24th R.A. (Military), 3 p.m.; 36th R.A. v. R.A.F. (Club), 8 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony Champion ships, at H.K.C.C.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

TENNIS.—Colony Champion ships, at H.K.C.C.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

TENNIS.—Colony Champion ships, at H.K.C.C.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

CRICKET.—First Division: H. K. U. v. C. C. C., K. C. C. v. C. S. C. C., Second Division: C. C. C. v. Recreation.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

RIFLE SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association Spoon Practice Shooting, at Kowloon City, 8.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

## YAUMATI SCHOOL SPORTS

### OVER HUNDRED COMPETITORS

The Yaumati School held their twenty-third annual athletic sports on the Central British School ground yesterday afternoon.

Keen competition featured every event. Wong Wai-sun and Wong Ying-kai shared the honour of Senior Championship, while Au Yeung-chuen won the Junior title. Mrs. H. S. Mok distributed the prizes.

Mr. G. W. Reeve, Headmaster, said that he was glad to see that altogether 123 competitors, including old boys, had participated in the meet.

#### THE RESULTS

The results were:  
High Jump (Sen.): 1 Ng Tsi-gang, 2 Chan Yiu-kai, 3 Wong Wai-sun, 5 ft. 5 in. High Jump (Jr.): 1 Pun Chi-wo, 2 Lam Kwok-wah, 3 Au Yeung-chuen, 4 ft. 5 in., 100 Yards (Sen.): 1 Wong Wai-sun, 2 Chan Yiu-kai, 3 Tsui Ying-kwan, Time: 11.4 secs. (Jr.): 1 Au Yeung-chuen, 2 Lam Kwok-wah, 3 Chan Wah-hong, Time: 11.4 secs. Three Legged Race: 1 Yung Shau-yeung and Ng Chung-to, 2 Lau Man-ching and Kam Kam-lol, Long Jump (Sen.): 1 Chan Yiu-kai, 2 Leung Po-man, 3 Tsui Ying-kwan, 15 ft. 24 in. (Jr.): 1 Au Yeung-chuen, 2 Lam Kwok-wah, 3 Pun Chi-wo, 15 ft. 11 in. Spoon and Egg Race: 1 Yung Shan-ling, 2 Ng Tat-lin, 3 Lau Man-ching, 440 yards (Sen.): 1 Wong Wai-sun, 2 Hung Chi-lap, 3 Tsui Ying-kwan, Time: 63.5 secs. (Jr.): 1 Au Yeung-chuen, 2 Lam Kwok-wah, 3 Chan Wah-hong, Time: 65.2 secs. 120 yards: 1 Leung Kim-wai, 2 Chan Kam-fok, 3 Leung Ping-kwan, Time 32.6 secs. Half-mile: 1 Ng Tsi-gang, 2 Hung Chi-lap, 3 Tsui Yum-man, Fast Pulpie Race: 1 Lo Chu-pan, 2 Lai Pak-ngo, Class Team Race: 5 "A", Class Team Race: 7 "B" Tug-of-war: "B" Classes.

## Crack Racer "Put Under"

### HONGKONG TURF'S GREAT LOSS

Racing enthusiasts will be sorry to hear that Mr. J. F. Macgregor had to have his old Champion Australian race pony Strathroy "put down" yesterday morning following his collapse in the stall on Sunday night.

Followers of the Sport of Kings will remember that Strathroy was a 1936 Sub-Griffin, since when he has won numerous races as well as holding the following records:

5 furlongs (165 lbs.).....1.02.2  
1 Mile (165 lbs.).....1.44.2  
1 Mile 171 yds.  
(165 lbs.).....1.55.3  
1 1/2 Mile (157 lbs.).....2.10.3  
1 3/4 Mile (155 lbs.).....3.11.3

It is interesting to note that in the Canberra Handicap (1 Mile 171 yards), on Oct. 9, 1937, Strathroy (165 lbs.) ran a dead-heat with Gypsy Love (150 lbs.) in 1.54.1, which was only 1-1/5 seconds more than Sapper's record time of 1.53 clocked at the Second Extra Meeting last Saturday, when the latter was carrying 159 lbs.

#### UNBEATABLE COMBINATION

The only record which Strathroy has lost at the old weights is his Mile record of 1.44.2, carrying 165 lbs., which was beaten by Sapper carrying 163 lbs. in the Whitsun Handicap on May 11, 1940, in 1.42.3—two grand ponies.

In all his triumphs Strathroy was ridden by Mr. Donald Black—an unbeatable combination!



His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote seen above with Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. M. M. Watson prior to the presentation of the Governor's Cup to Mr. Garrod Trevelyan at the Fanning races.

#### OPEN TENNIS

## PAGH DEFEATS UMETANI AFTER 45 GAMES

Meeting for the third time in the Open Singles tennis tournament yesterday, M. PAGH and O. UMETANI were able to reach a decision, the former winning by 4-6, 14-12, 6-3 to enter the next round.

Baseline driving lulls again featured yesterday's game though later in the match both players made one or two sorties to the net when some crisp volleying was seen.

Both players possessed a good forehand drive but were weak on the backhand, Pagh being guilty of netting many easy returns on this hand. Umetani was none the stronger on this wing but with his slicing was able to retrieve many of Pagh's deep corner drives.

Pagh's weakness overhead was glaringly clear by his obvious reluctance to advance to the net when he had manoeuvred his opponent for a "kill".

On a few occasions the loser by employing a well-judged chop tried to bring Pagh to the forecourt but had to abandon this tactic as it did not prove to be profitable.

#### NOT VERY GOOD

Conditions underfoot were not very good owing to the recent rain and both players were seen slithering after retrieving an awkward shot. Umetani was the first to settle down and with Pagh having difficulty in finding his footing annexed the first set at 6-4.

The second set was reminiscent of their two previous encounters, Pagh winning after 26 games had been called. Umetani gave indications of winning when he ran into an early lead but Pagh, striking a length at last with his drives, pulled level at 5-5 and thereafter games alternated until Pagh took the lead for the first time at the 19th. He, however, lost his service game. After Umetani had once led 12-11 (Umetani in turn lost his service), Pagh took the next three for set.

The third set was something of an anti-climax, Pagh running into a three-love lead but after conceding the fourth, sixth and eighth games, eventually ran out winner at 6-3.

#### OTHER RESULTS

There were no other Open matches, and results of Club games were as follows:—

Championship: C. H. R. Oxlade beat T. A. Pearce 7-5, 6-3.

H'cap Singles: T. J. Gould beat A. K. Mackenzie 6-0, 8-6.

H'cap Doubles: G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner 6-4, 6-3; R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight walk-over from H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall; R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay v. F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursday (unfinished, one set-all).

#### TODAY'S MATCHES

Today's Open tennis programme will consist of four singles matches as follows:—

Pang Oi-lam v. Wei Chung, G. Choa v. T. J. Gould, S. A. Rumjahn v. Shields-Goodman, Tsui Wai-bui v. K. H. Ip.

#### CLUB MATCHES

H'cap Singles: V. R. Gordon v. F. W. Carter, G. W. Sewell v. H. C. D. Knight, T. G. Monaghan v. A. T. Dow.

## HOCKEY WIN FOR INDIAN ARMY

Indian Army beat British Army by two goals to one at Sookunpoo yesterday in the Quadrangular hockey tournament.

All the goals were scored in the second half. Fuquir Ali, centre-forward, drew first blood for the Indians. Sheshan then equalised for British Army, the winning goal being scored by Mohammed Ali, inside-right.

This was the first defeat for British Army, who have already won the Tournament.

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## RETURN GOLF MATCH

### Kowloon Defeat Country Club

In their return golf match at Sheungshui on Sunday, Kowloon Golf Club defeated the Country Club by 174 points to 8. Kowloon, it will be recalled, won the first encounter 18-5.

Scores on Sunday were:—

**SINGLES**

KOWLOON G.C.—R. K. Collings 1, A. J. Dennis 1, W. Kershaw 0, T. Henderson 1, K. Mackenzie 1, E. C. Fincher 0, E. F. Fincher 0, O. S. Jex 14, A. L. Eastman 0, J. C. Coles 14, L. Sykes 0, T. B. Low 0, W. V. Ahern 4, T. Lamb 1, F. C. Barry 1, A. J. Hall 1, Total—94; COUNTRY CLUB—F. E. Remedios 0, A. A. Lopes 0, A. R. Pinna 0, F. X. M. Silva 0, A. W. da Roza 0, A. T. Lee 1, H. Kew 0, E. J. M. Churn 0, T. Y. C. Lee 14, J. F. Basto 0, M. F. Pinna 1, L. P. Tamworth 1, J. B. Mackie 1, C. H. Suen 0, W. C. Hung 4, R. E. Lee 0, Total 54.

**FOURBALLS**

KOWLOON G.C.—Collings and Dennis 2, Mackenzie and E. C. Fincher 2, Ahern and Low 2, Henderson and Kershaw 0, Coles and Sykes 0, Jex and Eastman 0, Barry and Lamb 0, E. F. Fincher and Hall 2, Total 8; COUNTRY CLUB—Remedios and Lopes 0, Roza and A. T. Lee 0, Mackie and Tamworth 0, A. R. Pinna and Silva 0, M. F. Pinna and Basto 24, Churn and T. Y. C. Lee 0, Hung and Suen 0, Kew and R. E. Lee 0, Total—24.

## VALLEY GOLF TEAM

In their match against the Kowloon Golf Club at Kowloon on Good Friday, the Happy Valley golfers will be represented by the following:—

H. H. Munday (9) (Capt.), D. S. Edward (3), K. S. Robertson (5), A. McKellar (6), A. C. I. Bowker (7), W. Sharp (7), T. Low (9), A. D. Humphreys (9), G. E. Willerton (12), N. J. Bebbington (12), C. F. J. Simpson (12), A. H. Penn (12), L. M. S. Lloyd (12), N. J. Booker (13), G. Davies (14), W. Stoker (15), N. D. Booker (16) and M. A. Cairns (18).

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### THE HONG KONG HOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the "Bird Extra Race Meeting" to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 12th, and Monday, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 3rd April 1941.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
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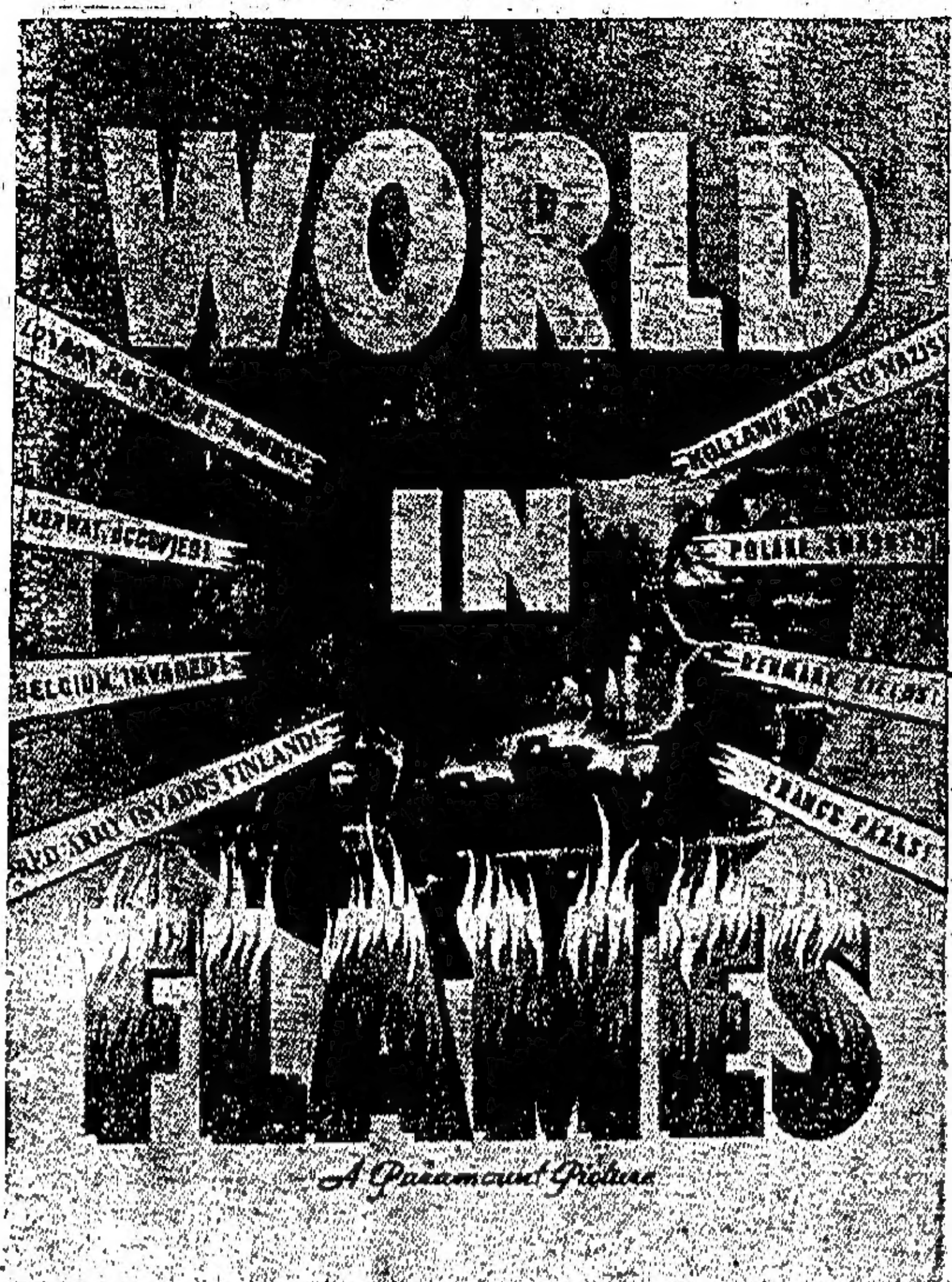


Dr. J. W. Anderson and Mrs. Priestwood at the Fanning races.



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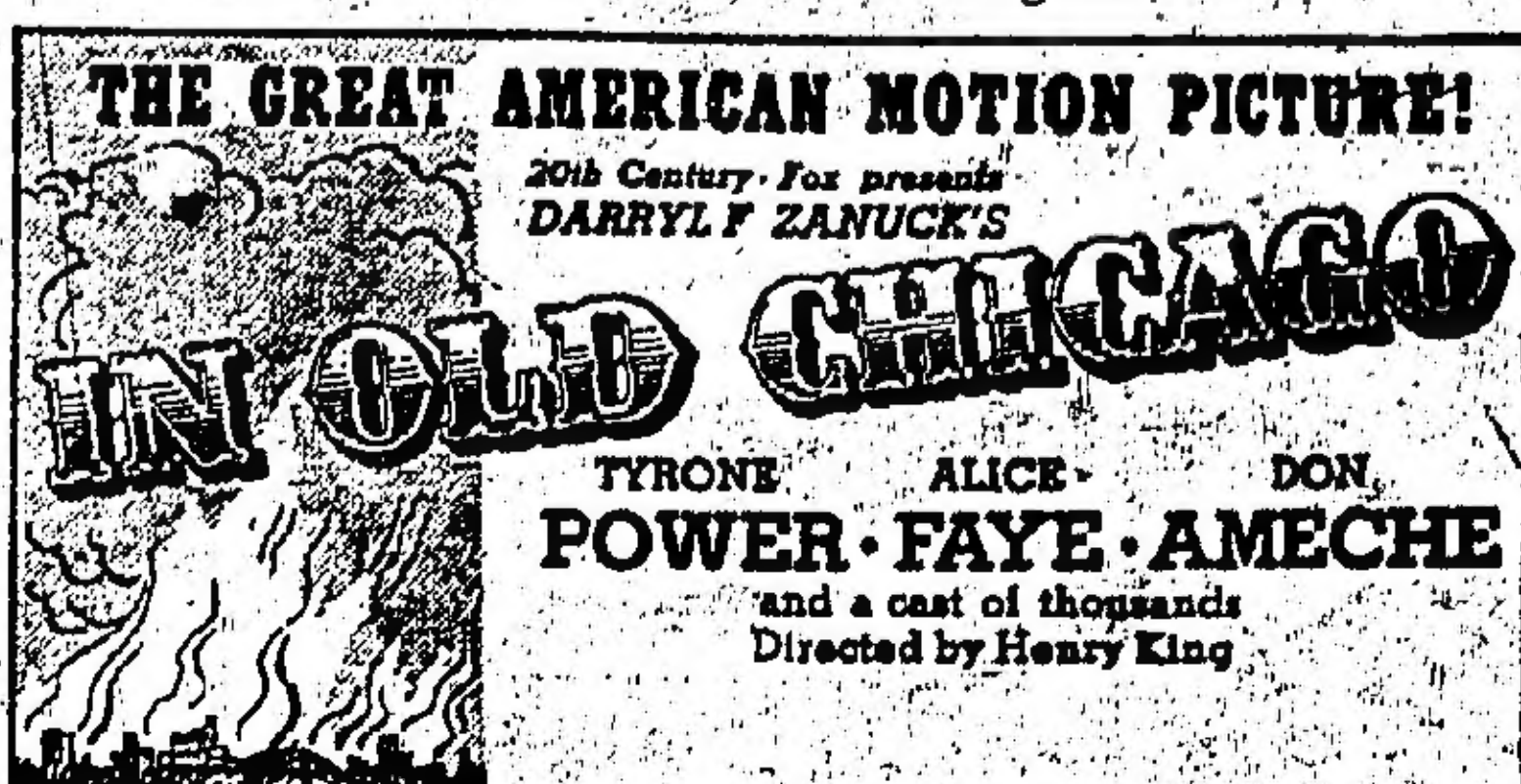
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Vocal Duets by Jeanette Mac-

donald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy

(Baritone).

Will You Remember (film "May-

time"); Farewell to Dreams (Kahn-

Romberg). Indian Love Call (from

"Rose Marie"); Ah! Sweet Mystery of

Life (film "Naughty Marietta").

1.15

The Lecuna Cuban Boys.

Rumba — Cachita: Congo — La

Havane A Paris. Bolero Chibano —

Tendre Bolero. Rumbas—Internation-

al Rumba: Antillana.

1.30

Heater and Raggy Press, nad

Announcements.

1.45

Compositions of Grieg.

Wedding Day — Arthur de Greef

(Piano). A Swan. Op. 25, No. 2; In

The Boat. Op. 50, No. 3 — Kirsten

Flagstad (Soprano) w. Piano. Holberg

Suite, Op. 40. Prelude and Sarabande

— Gavotte—Air — Rigaudon — London

String Orchestra.

2.15

Close down.

5.45

Indian Programme.

6.30

Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.32

J. H. Squire Celest Octet with

Nan Maryska (Soprano).

Song of the Waterfall (J. H. Squire);

Scent of the Jasmine (J. H. Squire)

— J. H. Squire Celest Octet. Night-

ingale Song (Zeller) — Nan Maryska

(Soprano) with Orch. Valse Elusette

— Air De Ballet (Dringo) — J. S. Squire

Celest Octet. To-morrow (R. Strauss).

— Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano

acc. Narcissus (Nevin)—J. H. Squire

Celest Octet. Serenade (R. Strauss).

— Nan Maryska (Soprano) w. Piano acc.

My Sweetheart When a Boy (Morgan).

— arr. Willoughby — J. H. Squire

Celest Octet.

7.00

London Relay—The News.

7.15

London Relay—Britain Speaks.

Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30

Portuguese Programme.

8.00

Local Time Signal and An-

ouncements.

8.02

Bimsky-Korsakov — Schehera-

zade, Op. 33.

1st Mov. Largo e maestoso-Lento-

Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov. Lento-

Andante-Allegro molto; 3rd Mov. An-

dante quasi allegretto; 4th Mov. Al-

legro molto-Lento-Allegro molto e

frenetico-Lento-Vivo-Allegro non troppo

maestoso-Alle breve (Tempo con.)—

Vivo-Spiritoso-Allegro non troppo

maestoso-Leopold Stokowski and the

Philadelphia Orchestra.

GIRL DID NOT CARE—HE DIED

Because a girl he had known

only a fortnight did not wish to

be more friendly. Lance-Sergeant

Mathew William Johns, twenty-

one-year-old Welsh Guardsman

shot himself dead.

At the inquest at Southwark

Miss Joyce Constance Bradford, of

Amerland-road, Wandsworth, said

Johns was happy as a rule during

the fortnight she had known him

but now and again was moody.

They were not very good

friends when she last saw him.

He wanted to be more friendly

with her than she was with

him.

Johns shot himself with his rifle

at his London billet.

His father, William Thomas

Johns, of Jubilee-street, Llanharan,

near Cardiff, said his son was fit

and happy. In a letter he receiv-

ed the same day as a telegram

telling of the tragedy his son said

he was coming home in the New

Year.

The coroner, recording a verdict

that Johns took his life while the

balance of his mind was disturbed,

said no blame could be attached

to the girl.

## MINING EVENTS

Rides: High 12.02 a.m. and 11.23

Low 5.25 a.m. and 6.27 p.m.

Rise: 6.16 a.m.; Sunset: 6.38 p.m.

Performance in aid of

O.P. "The World in Flames."

At Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

Committee Meeting of "Little Flower"

at King's Park, 6 p.m.

Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

Lecture: "First Aid To The Injur-

ed." S.C.M. Post Board Room, 8.30

p.m.

Cheero's Monthly Meeting, Hotel

at 8 p.m.

Harry Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1

p.m.

Cheero Club Chess Club, Peninsula

at 5.30 p.m.

Prayer and Fellowship meeting, S.

S. Home, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High 12.33 a.m. and 11.49

Low 5.42 a.m. and 7.19 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.15 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church: Group Dis-

session, Miss J. R. Taylor on "Poverty

Hongkong," 8.30 p.m.

Premiere Performance of "Pastor

all," Lee Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

Lecture: Dr. G. P. Winfield on "The

epidemiology of the Faecal borne

seases in a North China Village,"

H.K. University, 5 p.m.

Meeting of H.K. Amateur Cinema

Club, West Lounge, Y.M.C.A., 6 p.m.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Annual Lenten Mission, Catholic

Cathedral, 6 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Intercession

and Discussion, 5.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.

Tides: High 1.37 a.m. and 12.34

Low 5.58 a.m. and 8.21 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.14 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

China Estates' Annual Meeting,

China Bldg., 5th floor, 12 noon.

Annual Meeting of Dairy Farm,

Whidson House, 12 noon.

A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Annual

Meeting, Hongkong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, lecture

on "Chamber Music," 7.30 p.m.

H.K. Hockey Assn. Council Meet-

ing.

Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong.

Tides: 2.24 a.m. and 1.15 p.m.

Low 6.05 a.m. and 8.44 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.14 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m.

Sino-British Cultural Assn. lunch-

eon to Governor, Hongkong Hotel, 1

p.m.

Lecture: Dr. Li Shu-fan on "Modern

Methods in the Treatment of Pulmo-

nary Tuberculosis," H.K. University,

5.30 p.m.

Lingnan University Party to Mr. E.

S. Fong.

Cheero Club Darts & Table Tennis.

Tides: High 4.42 a.m. and 2.18

p.m. Low 6.17 a.m. and 1.01 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.13 a.m.; Sunset: 6.10 p.m.

Wah Yan Past Students' Assn.

Dinner-Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Tides: High 6.08 a.m. and 3.37

p.m. Low 6.35 a.m. and 1.58 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.12 a.m.; Sunset: 6.40 p.m.

April Meeting of Macao Jockey

Club.

Band Concert in aid of Bomber

Fund, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, lecture

on "Brass and Wood-Wind Instru-

mental Music," 7.30 p.m.

## SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY

Calls	Wavelength
G.S.G.	17.75m. (16.58m.)
G.S.B.	9.51m. (31.35m.)
G.S.H.	21.47m. (31.67m.)
G.S.O.	15.18m. (31.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Sum-	4.00 p.m.
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Full Bulletin	5.00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Sum-	
mary	6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin	7.00 p.m.
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Trans. II & III—News Sum-	7.30 a.m.
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Full Bulletin	8.30 a.m.

## MAJESTIC THEATRE

MATINEES 20c. 30c. EVENINGS 20c. 30c. 50c. 70c.

### NOTICE

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DRESS CIRCLES: 50 c. plus 10 c. Tax. LOGE: 60 c



## FRENCH BATTERIES FIRE ON BRITISH WARSHIPS

### Deplorable Convoy Incident In The Mediterranean

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — An incident in which French shore batteries in Algeria opened fire on some British light naval forces is related in an official communique issued by the Admiralty.

It states: "Reports have been received that a convoy of four merchant ships, escorted by French destroyers, was due to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and that the convoy carried 'important war material for Germany'.

"Accordingly orders were given for the intercepting of the convoy which however, passed through the Straits within Spanish territorial waters.

"Our forces caught up with the French ships after they had left Spanish territorial waters and called upon them to stop so that the normal procedure of visit and search might be carried out.

"The French batteries, in the vicinity then opened fire on our ships notwithstanding that they were engaged in exercise of our legitimate belligerent rights. His Majesty's ships were compelled to reply in their own defence and hits were observed on the shore batteries.

#### MERCHANTMEN ESCAPE

"In view of the action taken by the French batteries our warships would have been fully justified in firing on the French merchantmen and their escort but in the interests of humanity did not do so and the merchant ships succeeded in entering the nearby French port of Nemours.

"During the return of our forces to Gibraltar they were twice attacked by French bomber formations without suffering damage or casualties."

**CARGO OF RUBBER**  
It was revealed in London last night that at least one of the four French ships challenged by British naval units in the Mediterranean was carrying a cargo of rubber, and Germany is very short of rubber.

It is stated in authoritative circles that at least one of these ships sailed from Bangkok with rubber which would inevitably find its way across the Rhine.

Britain, it is stated, has always fully maintained her rights under International Law to search ships suspected of carrying contraband destined for Germany and it has long been notorious that French merchantmen have been carrying to French metropolitan ports various materials a high proportion of which are immediately appropriated by Germany.

#### STRANGE POLICY

It is considered here to be a strange reflection of French policy

## Vatican Radio And Religion In The Reich

LONDON, March 31 (Reuter) — A call to Catholic Germany to awake and face the pagan tendencies which the Nazi regime is spreading throughout the Reich and occupied territory was made in a broadcast by the Vatican wire-less yesterday.

The announcer declared that the religious situation in Germany was highly unsatisfactory and condemned the Nazi attitude to the Church in outspoken terms.

The threat of state religion hung over all religious life in these territories. The announcer said that teachers, teachers and propagandists inculcate pagan principles into German youth, who are deprived of proper religious instruction.

Even in schools where the priest is in theory admitted, he often finds the door closed to him.

## INTENSE R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

### Shipping In Tripoli Harbour Bombed

CAIRO, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — The important harbour of Tripoli was raided by British bombers during the night of Friday-Saturday. Bombs fell among shipping and other objectives.

The story is told in an R.A.F. Middle East communique issued yesterday. It states:

"Italian East Africa. — There was further intensive activity by the R.A.F. in the Asmara area on Saturday. In the town itself, the main station buildings, trucks, sidings and motor transport park were repeatedly hit and severely damaged. Motor transport and troops on the roads in the same area were heavily bombed, and machine-gunned. Many vehicles were destroyed and others were damaged.

"Aircraft of the Free French squadron took part in the raid on an enemy encampment between Gondar and Asmara where military buildings were demolished by direct hits.

#### IN LIBYA

"Libya. — During the night of March 28-29, Royal Air Force bombers raided the harbour of Tripoli. Large bombs were observed to fall among the shipping and others were seen bursting between the wireless station and the main electric power station.

"Albania. — Three successful offensive reconnaissances were made yesterday against the Albanian villages of Berat, Dukat and Dukat.

"From these operations, all our aircraft returned safely."

#### NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (Reuter) —

Having concluded his holiday cruise on the Presidential yacht, Putnam, President Roosevelt yesterday left by train for Washington.

#### CHINA WAR:

### JAPANESE DIVISION COMMANDER KILLED IN N. KIANGSI BATTLE

CHUNGKING, Mar. 31 (Central) — In the battle of Kiangsi, the Chinese forces have scored a smashing victory over the Japanese, declared the spokesman of the National Military Council in a press interview yesterday. Among the casualties suffered by the Japanese was one division commander, according to Japanese captives. Three Japanese divisions participated in the recent abortive offensive in northern Kiangsi, the spokesman revealed.

Advancing in three routes, the northern column was intercepted at the early stage of the campaign and thrown back with losses, while the central and southern columns pushed forward and penetrated to areas northeast of Shanghai, southwest of Kiang and the southern bank of the Chai River, where they have been dispersed, cut up and heavily decimated.

Surrounded by the Chinese in these areas since March 22, the spokesman continued, the Japanese have made repeated attempts to escape the Chinese encirclement but so far have been frustrated.

Up to Saturday, the majority of the Japanese cornered there have been liquidated, while the remnants numbering over several thousand men are struggling to escape.

The battlefield is strewn with Japanese dead, the spokesman further stated. Most of the bodies are minus one hand which, according to Japanese captives, has been cut off and taken away as identification of the men killed in action.

War booty including field pieces, machine-guns, rifles and ammunition have been captured by the Chinese, the spokesman added.

## GERMANS & ITALIANS LEAVING YUGOSLAVIA

### Nazi Propagandists Busy On Alleged Atrocity Incidents

LONDON, March 31 (Reuter) — Reports from Sofia indicate movements of German heavy artillery from the south to the north via the Kinshevo road through the suburbs of Sofia, according to the Istanbul correspondent of the independent French agency. The correspondent adds that German police are also carrying out passport control of passengers at Gwilegrad, on the Bulgo-Turkish frontier.

All German broadcasts last night gave prominence to reports of alleged anti-German incidents in Yugoslavia, and it is pointed out in London that these reports closely follow the lines of the "atrocity" campaigns preceding the invasion of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Extra military classes were called up last night, states a message from Belgrade. It is announced that this action is a precautionary measure to increase the defensive forces watching the frontiers.

A fifth batch of Italian civilians left by express for Milan on Saturday night.

Except for diplomats and journalists, it is stated that most Germans and Italians here will have left by Tuesday.

**ENVOY RECALLED**  
ANKARA, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — The Yugoslav Ambassador to Turkey left for Belgrade last evening.

It is understood that he has been recalled by his government for consultation.

**FRONTIER CLOSED**  
LONDON, March 31 (Reuter) — The German radio last night reported that the frontier between Yugoslavia and Styria (Austria) has been closed by the Yugoslav authorities.

Germans living in Croatia have been asked to leave the country, says the official German news agency. The first special train with some 800 Germans left yesterday evening. Another train leaves early this morning.

Not only Italian journalists but Italians generally are beginning to leave Yugoslavia, according to the latest reports from Rome, adds the German agency.

**ANTI-AXIS TENDENCY**  
LONDON, March 31 (Reuter) — "A return to the line of policy agreed to by Yugoslavia at Vienna no longer seems possible for the Simovitch Government," declares a Budapest despatch to the official German news agency. It adds that political circles in Hungary declare, on the basis of information obtained from Belgrade, that "measures adopted by the new government are assuming a more pronounced anti-Axis tendency."

"Irresponsible fanatics" have caused this, declares the agency which adds, "A grave impression was made by the flight of peasants of German origin from Yugoslavia to Rumania."

**ZAGREB DEMONSTRATIONS**  
The German radio reports anti-Italian demonstrations on Saturday night in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia but on the other hand the agency reports "perfect order and quiet" in Zagreb where leaders of the Croat peasant party are conferring on the situation under the presidency of Dr. Mathek.

The Ban (Governor) of Croatia, Mr. Spudichitch, whom Mathek

## INVASION PORTS ATTACKED

### Fierce Fires Raging In Calais, Dunkirk

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — German invasion ports along the Channel were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers after dusk last night.

Explosions were heard from the British side and fires were seen in the direction of Calais.

Earlier during daylight, frequent patrols of R.A.F. fighters were seen over the Straits of Dover, flying across the Channel towards the French coast.

Nothing was seen of any German aircraft from the Kent coast except for one bomber which was driven off.

**INTENSIVE RAID**  
The R.A.F.'s swoop on German invasion ports along the French coast last night was intensive and heavy.

Watchers on the British side of the Channel had an excellent view.

Bomb and gun flashes could be seen along the entire coast from Calais to Dunkirk and clouds above Calais were soon coloured by the glare of fierce fires while the thud of many explosions could be clearly heard.

**PATROL VESSEL SUNK**  
LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — With a single bomb, a Coastal Command Blenheim yesterday sank a German anti-submarine vessel off the Estuary of Loire.

The bomb struck the ship forward of the bridge, says the Air Ministry News Service.

There was a terrific explosion and the ship caught fire and was seen to be sinking rapidly.

**SPITFIRE DESTROYS NAZI BOMBER**  
LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — Only three German bombers ventured over the British coast in daylight yesterday, one of them crashing near Middlebrough, shot down by a Spitfire patrol.

All the crew were killed. London had no air raid warning up to a late hour last night. A single German raider dropped some bombs in south-east Scotland but caused no damage or casualties.

This was the only incident thus far reported.

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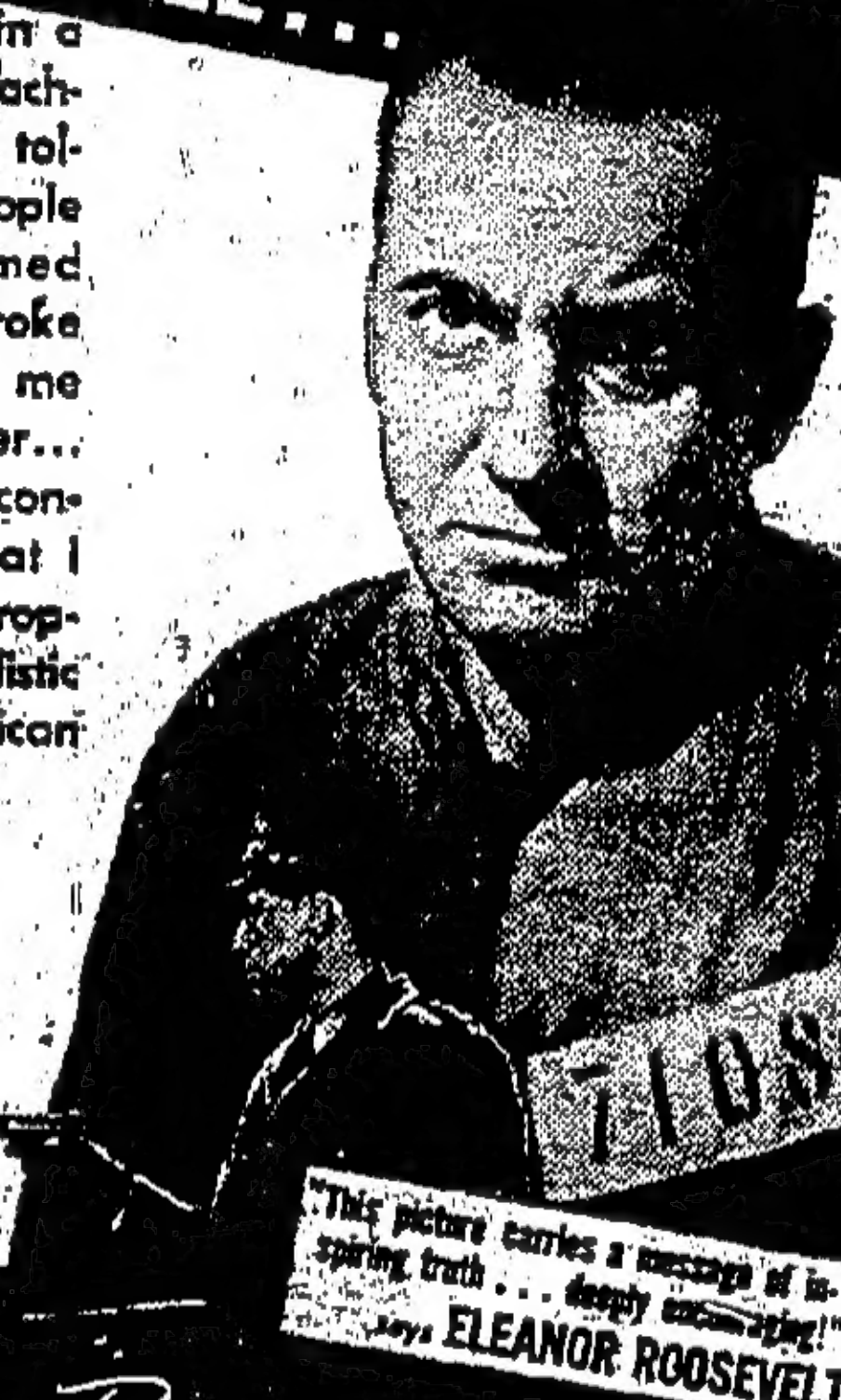
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## NEW DEEP-WATER BERTH FOR KOWLOON DOCKS

### LOYAL CO-OPERATION OF STAFF COMMENTED BY CHAIRMAN

"IF EVER THERE WAS AN YEAR WHEN PRUDENCE SHOULD BE OUR WATCHWORD, IT IS SURELY THIS ONE," stated the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, addressing the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., held at the offices of the Company, Queen's Building, yesterday.

"The lessons of the past, the obscurity of the future, and the considerable decrease in the amount of tonnage using the Port, have convinced your Board of the wisdom of strengthening our reserves," Mr. Dodwell continued, "a policy which I feel sure will be wholeheartedly supported by shareholders."

#### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

The Chairman said: The Gross Profit is \$1,910,755.82 a slight increase on that of last year, the Net Profit \$1,252,428.84 is also somewhat more than the corresponding figure of 1939. The Balance Sheet, you will observe, has been prepared in a new form and the appropriations as now recommended by your Board have been incorporated in it. I trust you will find it an improvement on the old form.

"Our stocks are conservatively valued. Depreciation on Stocks and Plant and Property is generally speaking on the same basis as usual, but small increases have been made on special items."

"There is only a slight reduction in our overdraft. This is due partly to our laying in larger stocks than usual, the replacement of which under present conditions is often subject to delay and difficulties of all kinds; partly to the financing of our new construction programme, and partly to the payment for the land required for our new deep-water berth."

"You will remember that when I addressed you last year, I referred to the necessity of our having a deep-water berth for large ships, in addition to the one under our giant crane. With only one berth suitable for large ships under this crane, we were constantly having to move vessels, much to the inconvenience of our clients and ourselves."

"During the year, we have completed the purchase from the Government of a part of the foreshore out to deep water on the east side of our East Yard, and it is here that we are constructing the new deep-water berth. The foundations for the sea wall are now under construction. Other than this, development during the year has been small."

"A few new machines have been purchased, and a few minor improvements in the siting of existing machines and plant have been carried out with proved increase of efficiency, particularly in the case of the East Yard shipbuilding machinery."

"At a time like the present, though we have no special secrets to preserve, I am sure you will all realise that it is not desirable to broadcast our activities. Suffice it to say that in spite of the reduced amount of tonnage using the Port, we are satisfactorily busy."

"I should like, however, to say more than usual in appreciation of the loyal co-operation we are receiving from our Staff, both European and Chinese who are all working as if they thoroughly understood the importance of the national work upon which we are engaged."

"By their efforts, we have been able, where necessary, to develop our facilities and overcome many of our difficulties, with the result that we are becoming more and more self-contained."

"The same spirit as has been evidenced in their regular duties with us has been displayed in their voluntary activities, and I have nothing but praise for the way in which both the European Staff and their wives and families accepted the evacuation order and made the best of a bad job."

"I have no shadow of doubt that shareholders will approve the bonus to staff proposed, which is additional to the allowances we are making to both staff and workmen to meet the increased cost of living."

"For shareholders we recommend a dividend of six percent and a bonus of five percent which will absorb \$454,897.30, a slightly larger proportion of our net profit than last year. The special War Taxation has cost us \$118,657.70 and of the balance remaining we propose to put \$750,000 to General Reserve, and carry forward \$194,743.43 so that our position may be rendered as secure as we can make it."

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented.

#### SECONDER'S SPEECH

Seconding the adoption of the accounts, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields said: It is gratifying to

shareholders that after so many lean years the corner has been turned and I hope prosperity may continue for this company which is one of the oldest and most important in the Colony.

I am sure that shareholders will heartily approve the proposed bonus to staff. It is a matter for congratulation to all concerned that in spite of the long depression calling for strict economy and possibly some hardships such a competent and efficient staff has been held together. It is right that they should now share in our prosperity.

I welcome, Sir, your assurance that Stocks have been conservatively valued. Inventories often require drastic revision due to changes in replacement costs and I hope the Board will continue in good times the policy of writing down Stocks, Plant and Property and strengthening reserves.

#### RE-ELECTIONS

Mr. A. Vaswani proposed the re-election of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo as Directors, and Mr. K. H. Lo seconded.

Mr. Leung Fat-tin proposed confirmation of the appointment of Mr. S. T. Williamson as Director, seconded by Mr. K. K. Lo. The re-election of the auditors, Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming was proposed by Mr. G. W. Sewell, seconded by Mr. F. Tester.

All resolutions were unanimously adopted.

#### THOSE PRESENT

Those present were: the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. L. Kadoorie, D. Drummond, S. T. Williamson, E. Cock, M.B.E., M.L.N.A. (Chief Manager), Mr. E. L. Hosie, C.A. (Secretary), Messrs. A. Vaswani, K. H. Lo, K. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Messrs. Leung Fat-tin, Wong Chi Po, M. H. Lo, G. W. Sewell, G. V. T. Marshall (for Mrs. Ida Marshall), Percy Tester and Ezra Abraham (shareholders).

## ANNUAL MEETING OF INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

A motion that Associate Members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong be permitted to serve on the Managing Committee of the Institution, if elected, was passed yesterday at the annual meeting of the Institution held at King's Building.

The motion was passed following some discussion on the question, those taking part in this including Messrs. J. J. Forster, C. Bond, J. C. Saunders and J. Russell.

Mr. Saunders advanced the argument that the Institution would not remain purely an Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders should the motion be adopted, but agreed to endorse the motion.

Mr. J. J. Forster, in the Chair, commented that the Financial Report showed a profit for the first time after 10 years of losses being recorded.

Mr. Russell proposed the adoption of the motion admitting Associate Members to the General Committee if elected.

Mr. Russell said there had been a lengthy discussion on the admission of Associate Members to assume wider responsibilities in 1939.

#### NEW OFFICERS

Officers elected were:—President, W. G. M. Wilson; Vice-Presidents, R. B. Bell, C. Bond, J. Flinn and J. J. Forster; Hon. Treas. J. A. Tarrant; Hon. Sec. W. F. Simpson; Hon. Librarian, J. J. Forster.

Committee:—M. A. Cairns, W. B. Haslett, J. J. Forster, J. A. Kent, A. J. Walters, M. Pollock, L. Young, J. Russell, T. J. Rogerson, D. O. Weir, J. Watson and J. T. Ewing. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors.

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

### AT CENTRAL

#### STOLE FROM PARKED CAR

Alleged to have stolen a travelling rug, valued at \$20, from car No. 3 parked at Connaught Road Central, near the General Post Office, on Saturday, Chan Him-sheung, 19, unemployed, was charged with theft before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Sub-Ins. Whelan said that defendant was seen by the son of the driver of the car, Al Kabbas, taking the rug and was arrested by him after a chase.

After hearing the case, Mr. Lowry ordered defendant to be remanded for 24 hours to locate his parents.

#### BURGLAR CONVICTED

Lam Ming, 30, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday for stealing a quantity of clothing and other articles, to the value of \$53, the property of B. Ditta, at No. 7, Tung Lo Wan Road, first floor, on Mar. 30.

Sgt. Kinloch said that defendant gained entrance into the premises through climbing up a drain-pipe.

#### TOURIST VICTIMISED

Before Mr. Lowry yesterday Mak Fai, 22, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was charged with theft of a bag from the person of Mrs. E. Snyder, a visitor to the Colony.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes said that defendant, after snatching the bag, was chased and arrested by a Chinese pedestrian. During the chase defendant disposed of the bag and its contents which were valued at about \$120.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

#### NOT GUILTY PLEA

An 18-year-old spinster, Chan Lau, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday charged with breach of the Entertainment Tax Ordinance. Defendant pleaded not guilty and the hearing was fixed for noon today.

Sub-Ins. T. K. Whelan is in charge of the case.

#### TAIKOO DOCK THEFTS

Pleading guilty to stealing 19 pounds of rivets, valued at \$26, from the Taikoo Docks, Mok Man-yuk, 17, paint scraper, who had a previous conviction for the same offence last month, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

A fine of \$100 or three months' hard labour was imposed on Luk Pun, 33, brass fitter, for larceny of two sets of brass bushes and four and a half pound of brass scrap to the value of \$20.

Li Chung, 30, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for stealing three brass globe valves, valued at \$90, from the engine room of a ship berthed at the Taikoo Docks. Defendant had one previous conviction.

#### EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Ku Shi-yiu, 28, shroff, of No. 41, Hollywood Road, third floor, charged with on divers date between Jan. 1 and Mar. 23, then being in the employ of the Kwok Wah Yat Po, embezzling different sums of money amounting to \$810.21, was remanded until today by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers, who is in charge of the case, told the Court that possibly some more charges would be preferred against defendant.

#### "TSE FA" GAMBLING

Charged with keeping common gaming houses for the purpose of "tse fa" at various addresses in Wanchai on Mar. 23, three unemployed were fined \$50 or one month's hard labour each by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday.

Defendants were Chan Hing, No. 2, Landolo Street, first floor; Lei Kui, 21, No. 6, Wing Fung Street, first floor; and Kwan Chang, 34, No. 23, Tai Wo Street, first floor.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

#### POLICE SUPERVISION

Sentence of six months' hard labour, to be followed by two years of Police supervision, was imposed by Mr. Sheldon yesterday on Fung San, 21, unemployed, for attempted burglary at No. 1A Kennedy Street, second floor, in the night of Mar. 29.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison prosecuted.

#### INDECENT LITERATURE

The licensee of a Chinese printing firm appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on five charges

in connexion with the printing of indecent literature in a newspaper and a booklet.

Defendant was Wong Shun-kan, of the Man Ngat Printing Company, No. 66, Bonham Strand East, ground floor, who was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Acting Insp. G. W. Moreton.

The charges, alleged that defendant on or about Feb. 1, printed a booklet, the Ma Tse Yi, containing matter in the Chinese language which had not been previously submitted to and passed by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs; printed the booklet without having the name and address of the printer published; on Feb. 12 printed a newspaper, Yan Sang or So Tong, containing matter which had not been previously submitted to and passed by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs; aided and abetted one Lau Cheung-tai in publishing the paper; and printed the newspaper without having the name and address of the printer published.

The first count was withdrawn and a fine \$10 was imposed on the second.

Regarding the other three charges, Leung Yiu-sin, censor of the S. C. A., in evidence, said that on Feb. 12 a story was submitted for censorship. He passed it and the next day found that what was printed in the newspaper was different from what he had passed. Further hearing was fixed for April 23, at 2.30 p.m.

### AT KOWLOON

#### ALLEGED ASSAULT

Alleged to have assaulted Ho Lan at Mongkok district, Mak In, 50, hawker, was charged before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday. Sgt. A. L. Gordon asked for a remand of three days which was granted.

#### CANING FOR JUVENILE

A 13-year-old boy who was charged before Major Macfadyen yesterday with larceny of \$12 from Mr. P. Schmucke, seaman of the S. S. President Buchanan, was sentenced to eight strokes of the cane. Sgt. Fyfe was in charge of the prosecution.

#### WIDOW BOUND OVER

A 65-year-old widow, Tsoi Sam, appeared before Major Macfadyen yesterday on a charge of mendacity.

Chief Inspector Hourihan, Kowloon, was complainant.

Defendant said that her son was serving a term in prison for assault and she had no means of making a living.

Accused was bound over in the sum of \$3.

#### WATCHMAN DISCHARGED

A 35-year-old Indian watchman, Ranjit Singh, who was charged with assaulting a Chinese at Sheum's Circus, Shamshupo, was discharged by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

Complainant, Lo Chi-him, who was receiving treatment at the Kowloon Hospital, disappeared two days ago and failed to appear in Court.

#### THEFT OF WOODEN BENCH

Six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Macnamara yesterday on Wong Cheong, 24, for stealing a wooden bench from No. 70, Tai Po Road.

Defendant had eight previous convictions.

Sgt. H. Danbrowsky was in charge of the case.

#### SENT TO SESSIONS

Committal proceedings of the case in which Lam Hung-po, 22, ferry coolie, Yan Chun, 19, and Chak Cheuk-kwan, 17, are charged with robbery by two or more, were concluded before Major Macfadyen yesterday when defendants were committed to the Criminal Sessions.

Det.-Sgt. C. Downman, prosecuting, said that complainant, Pun Chung-ping, was a shroff of the Wah Kiu Newspaper, No. 110, Hollywood Road. On the morning of Mar. 21, complainant went to collect accounts. About 1.30 p.m. when he came out from the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, four Chinese approached and forced him into the side lane. A fountain pen and \$47.84 in money were taken from his person.

Mr. L. A. Searle, A. S. P., said complainants failed to identify the last two defendants at the identification parade.

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## One Wedding At Registry

The marriage took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, with Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiating, of Mr. Leung Chak-lu, merchant, of No. 129 Tam Kung Road, Kowloon City, and Miss Yuen Sun-mei, of No. 368 Bonham Road.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced yesterday: Mr. Louis Koche George, Act. Sub-Inspector, Hongkong Police, of No. 1 Police Launch, and Miss Chan Kau-ye, of No. 38 Kai Tak Bund, ground floor.

Mr. Wong Pak-ming, clerk, of No. 47 Kai Yee Road, and Miss Woo Sau-wah, of No. 8 Chung Shing Street, West Point.

### AUXILIARY NURSES

The following members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service satisfied the examiners at the Home Nursing Examination held on March 13 at Kowloon Hospital:—

Margerie Allison, Albertina Balerios, Louise Benoit, Kathrine Brameld, Mary Chan, Nora Dillon, Esme Edwards, Nellie Elson, Sheila Haynes, Jessie Holland, Louise Holloway, Suzanne Hutton-Potts, Henrietta Jernakoff, Jean Kerslake, Frances Large, Li Luk Wa, Bella Ma, Clare Marsh, Militta Raskovska, Edith Rawlings, Bertha Remedios, Florence Robinson, Dorothy Shaw, Grace Stratton, Elizabeth Thompson, Helene Volkoff, Hannah Wittenbach.

### MARINE COURT

#### MASTER FINED

Capt. R. Parcou, master of the "Tai Pat," was fined \$40 by Commander T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court yesterday when he appeared on a charge of having allowed his ship to enter the Tathong Channel while the "Port Closed" signal was hoisted at Cape d'Agullar.

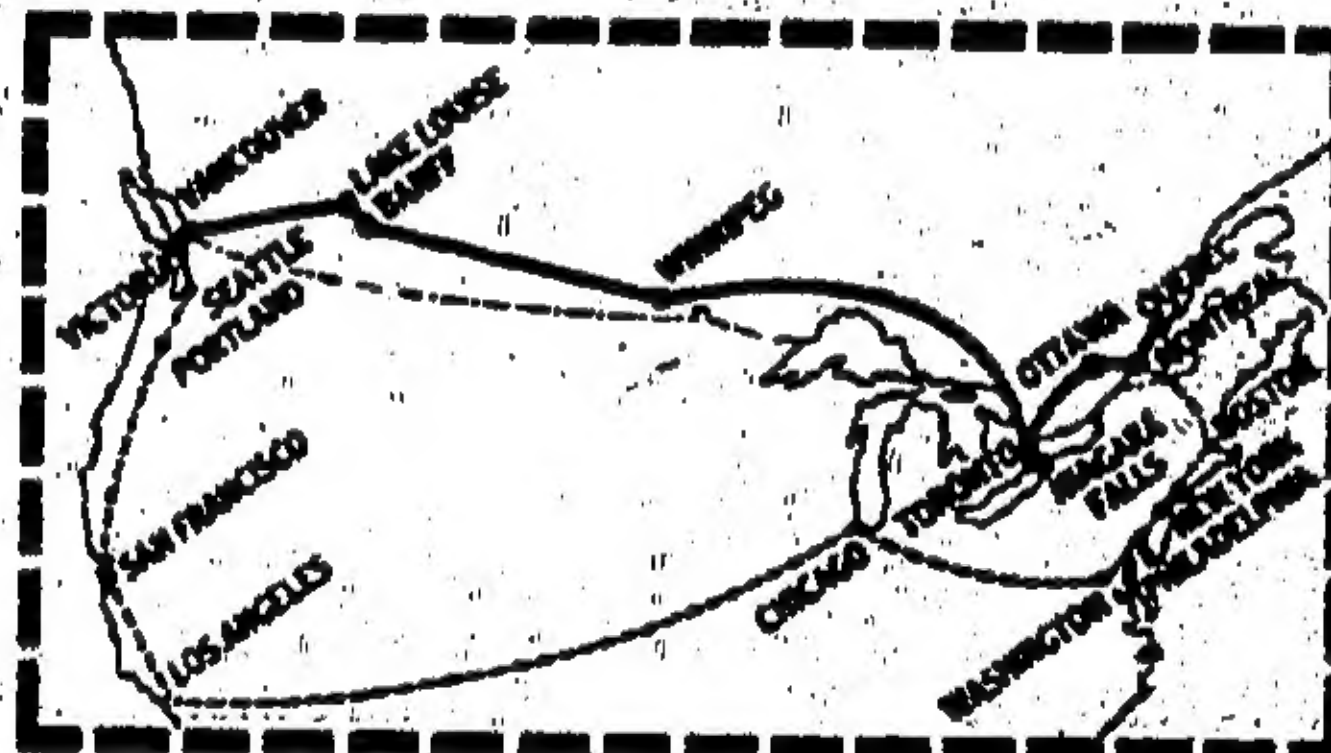
Capt. Parcou said he had gone up the bridge at 6.30 a.m. and saw that the red light was hoisted, but on going down for a cup of tea and returning 10 minutes later he saw the light had vanished.

#### IN MINFIELD

Cheong Kwai, junk foki, was fined \$20, in default three weeks' hard labour, for having anchored his junk inside the Tathong Channel.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

In the matter of the Estate of JOHN LOWRIE late of Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Mercantile Assistant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Sec. 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an order limiting the time to the 16th day of April, 1941, for creditors & others to send in claims against the above estate to the undersigned.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1941.

L. R. ANDREWES,  
Official Administrator.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO CONSUMERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Wednesday, the 16th day of April, 1941, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1940, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd April, 1941, to Wednesday, the 16th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
F. C. BARRY,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1941.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. TOM GRAHAM SPOT-TISWOODE ALEXANDER has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm at Hong Kong and Shanghai.

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## THE WAR AT SEA

IT IS ONLY when some outstanding success has been achieved by the Royal Navy that the world is reminded of the war at sea—a war which otherwise is being carried on relentlessly all the time, although it is regarded as more or less in the form of routine operations. It is unfortunate, however, that while every move in land operations and every attack carried out by the air force in its raids on enemy territory becomes a spectacular incident, the value of these so-called routine operations by the navy is only very occasionally brought to the notice of the public. Naval commentators have, on several occasions tried to dispel the impression which this lack of publicity of naval operations might at times create—that the men of the Royal Navy are passing through a period of boredom, when the situation is exactly the opposite. Indeed, the units of the Royal Navy have to be if anything more alert and air forces and the daily routine which they have to carry out imposes a very great strain and is a severe test of endurance and stamina. It would hardly be fair, therefore, to regard the officers and men of the Royal Navy as being only occasionally called upon to prove their merit, while the other fighting forces are known to be constantly engaged in operations directed against the enemy.

THE LATEST success of the British Mediterranean Fleet against the Italian Navy, coming so soon after the Prime Minister's announcement of the sinking of three German submarines in the Atlantic, is of course, a reaffirmation of the supremacy of the British Navy in all seas, but it is only the hard daily routine of watchfulness and splendid training and high morale that has enabled the Royal Navy to maintain this position and to challenge every attempt to dispute it. There are constant developments taking place concerning the war at sea. The Germans, to whom sea-power is becoming an essential weapon, have been straining every nerve to increase the strength of their depleted fleet. No longer are they content to rely entirely on their air force to bring them the victory they are striving to secure over Britain. They realise that air attacks alone cannot destroy British su-

## FUNERAL OF MRS. B. L. SPAFFORD

## Death On Eve Of 85th Birthday

The funeral of Mrs. Balbina Li-bania Spafford, who died at her residence, No. 1, Broadwood Road, on Mar. 31, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

The Rev. Fr. D. Page officiated at the service in the Chapel and at the graveside.

The deceased, who is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. Gascon de Bernedo and Mrs. H. M. Xavier, came to Hongkong nearly 60 years ago, and was known for her keen interest in charitable work.

She took sick about a month ago and died on the eve of her 85th birthday.

Besides the chief mourners—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Xavier (son-in-law and daughter), grandson and grand-daughters—there were also present Messrs. A. A. Lopes, E. M. Rocha, J. J. V. Remedios, E. Lopes, A. C. Botelho, A. Noronha, C. C. Pereira, A. Maher, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward, Mrs. T. A. Johnston, Misses A. Choo, G. Choo, O. King, C. Marcial, and O. R. O. Marcial, Mr. J. M. da Rocha, and many others.

## THE WREATHS

Floral tributes were sent by Granny, Auntie and Olga; Anita and Caesar; Albertina and Arantina; Almeida, Rafael and Antonette; Olga, Nemezis, Carlos and Roberto; Alice, Eddie, Thessee Tony and Marie; Children of Mary; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marriott and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnston; Mr. and Mrs. A. dos Ramos; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. da Rocha; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Santos; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ward; Mr. and Mrs. Choo; and family; Ruth Vance; Mrs. E. Ramos; M. and E. Santos; Louis A. Lee and Co., Staff of H. M. Hodges; and many others.

## DERELICT JUNK

A water-logged derelict junk is reported to be drifting 3½ miles west of Bluff Point Port War Signal Station. The position given is latitude 22 deg. 11' N. long. 114 deg. 08' 30" E. approx.

premacy on the sea—hence their feverish building of warships and raiders, both undersea and surface. Hence also their efforts to secure control of the French Fleet and the latest reported arrangement with Japan to make it possible for warships of the Japanese Fleet to be manned by German crews.

THESE ARE contingencies and strategic developments that the Royal Navy has to prepare to meet, in addition to the so-called daily routine which plays such an important part in maintaining efficiency and assuring the safety of the seas to the hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping that pass over it daily. The work of acting as escorts to Britain's merchant shipping is in itself the most important work which the Royal Navy has to carry out in the present war. The German attempts to interfere with this vital flow of supplies and war materials and the movement of troops from one part of the British Empire to another have been, and are being, intensified on a scale which is much larger than that experienced in the last war. That they have not succeeded in preventing this convoy work, despite the losses which Britain has sustained—losses which are negligible when compared with the huge proportion of these ships which have accomplished their object successfully—is proof that the war at sea is not by any stretch of imagination confined to indolent cruising about the oceans. With this increasing efficiency and its steadily growing strength—a strength which the United States is determined to enhance—the war at sea continues unabated. Its result is, of course, a foregone conclusion—Britain will continue to rule the waves.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## EFFICIENT AID IN CHOLERA CASE

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press.

Sir,—Through the medium of your columns I should like to be permitted to express my great appreciation to the personnel of the various services who rendered such courteous, prompt and efficient assistance during the early hours of Sunday morning, March 30, 1941, when the wife of my house-boy was smitten with cholera while at my residence on Repulse Bay Rd.

The woman, who lives in the Wanchai district, came to visit her husband on Saturday evening, and during the course of the visit became suddenly very ill. Later, on admission to the Infectious Diseases Hospital, her illness was diagnosed as cholera, and the mildness of the attack is, I feel sure, due to the fact that she was recently inoculated and also that she received such prompt assistance.

Appreciate thanks are due to (a) The personnel of the "Fok Chi Tung" ambulance who on receiving a call at approximately midnight on Saturday arrived at my residence with the utmost despatch.

(b) The nursing staff at Queen Mary Hospital who accorded the greatest courtesy in replying to enquiries, and who despatched the case to the Infectious Diseases Hospital without delay.

(c) The Sanitary Department for proceeding at 3 a.m. with the fumigation of premises, clothing, etc., at my residence, and thereafter continuing to perform this essential service at the patient's home in Wanchai.

Thanking you for according me the necessary space for this expression of appreciation,

I am, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
E. M. RAYMOND.

## FIFTEEN CASES OF CHOLERA

According to the Government Health Bulletin issued yesterday, 15 cases of Cholera were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ending at midnight on Saturday. Of the total nine were reported from the Victoria Registration District, five from Old and New Kowloon and one from Aberdeen and Rural Hongkong.

Other Returns are as follows:—Diphtheria, four cases; Enteric Fever, four cases; Measles, four cases; Puerperal Fever, one case; Tuberculosis, 36 cases.

## BAND CONCERT AT PENINSULA ON SUNDAY

The combined orchestras of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels will give a band concert in the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday, April 6, at 9 p.m.

The following is the programme:—1. "Oxford Street" March—Eric Coates. From the Suite "London Again," depicting the happy shopping crowds in that busy thoroughfare.

2. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" Overture—Nicolai. 3. "Rose Marie" Selection—Rudolf Friml. Introducing: Hard-Bolled Herman, Why Shouldn't We, The Door of Her Dreams, Pretty Things, Only a Kiss, Indian Love Call, The Mounties, Totem Tom-Tom, Rose Marie.

4. "Solilo" Y. K. Sze—Accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw. 5. "The Firefly" Selection—Rudolf Friml. One of the most popular Operations containing "The Donkey Serenade" and "Symphony" Waltz.

## INTERVAL

6. "Nell Gwynn" Three Dances—Edward German. Was composed in 1900 for Anthony Hopes "Nell Gwynn" at the Prince of Wales Theatre and consists of: 1. Country Dance; 2. Pastoral Dance; 3. Merry-maker's Dance.

7. "Saint Amour"—Eggar. Probably the best known of Eggar's short compositions.

8. "Bolero"—Mozzkowski. A fine piece of music, retaining its characteristic liveliness of Spanish Dances.

9. "Solilo" Y. K. Sze—Accompanied by E. O'Neill Shaw. 10. "Cavalcade" Selection—Noel Coward. Land of Hope and Glory. God save the King.

The death occurred on March 17, at Shanghai, of Thomas Cock, husband of May Cock. Funeral Services (Cremation) were held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel on March 18.

## TRIED TO PASS AS DETECTIVE

## Chinese Businessman Bound Over

Charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the D.O. South, yesterday with having assaulted Lo Cheung, a farmer, on March 25, and with impersonating a Police Officer on March 24, at Ngan Au, Tung Chung Village, Leung Chit-chong, master of the Hol On Shipping Co., of No. 44, Lockhart Road, was convicted and bound over in the sum of \$100 to be of good behaviour for one year.

In his evidence, complainant stated that on March 24 he saw three strangers and followed them to Tung Chung Village, where he saw a fight in progress. Later, a young man approached him and, stating that he was a Police Officer from Wanchai, asked him to put his hands up. After he had done so, the stranger bound his hands with a police whistle chain.

Sui Chui, a kal fong, said that he first knew of the trouble when he was informed by a clansman. He was later handed a letter by a girl, whom he identified as Lee Shu-tak's daughter.

## NO IDENTIFICATION

Later, went on witness, he saw defendant, who, on being asked whether he was Detective Leung, replied in the affirmative. When he was asked to produce proof of his identity he was unable to do so, so witness had him arrested by the villagers.

In reply to his Worship, witness stated that he did not ask the other three men for their names but he also had them arrested.

Cross-examined by defendant, witness admitted that when defendant entered the school premises, on his invitation, he was set upon by the villagers and beaten up because he, accused, was unable to prove that he was a Police Officer. Witness denied, however, that defendant was struck with poles but only with fists.

## SHARP INSTRUMENT

After Tsang Mun had given evidence, defendant elected to give evidence on his own behalf, in the course of which he stated that he tied up complainant because he was holding a sharp instrument which he, complainant, was intending to use on one of witness' companions.

Chan Pui, a witness called by the defence, stated that he invited defendant to go for a walk with him without telling him the reason until they were nearing Tung Chung Village. He then told accused that his wife had left him and was then living in Tung Chung Village. He solicited defendant's help in persuading his wife to return to Hongkong.

When they arrived at the village he saw defendant being led up to his wife's house by Lee Shu-tak's daughter.

Det.-Sgt. Galvin prosecuted.

## BADGE STOLEN

Miss W. Robinson, of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., reported to the Police yesterday the theft of an A. A. badge from her car, No. 5235, which was parked outside the company's godown at Canton Road.

Mrs. Avery, of No. 3 Minden Avenue, reported to the Police last night that between 5 and 7 p.m. yesterday someone stole two flower pots, valued at \$20, from outside her residence.

## NEWSETTES

A lecture on The Epidemiology of the Faecal borne diseases in a North China village will be given by Dr. G. F. Winfield, Head of the Department of Biology, Cheloo University, Tsinangfu, at the Anatomy Lecture Theatre, Hongkong University, tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Dr. Li Shu-fan, M. B., B. S., F. R. C. S., L. M. S. H., D. T. M. and H. will give a lecture on Modern Methods in the treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in the School of Surgery, Hongkong University, on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides.

The Commission of Inquiry, appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Immigration Office, will resume its public sitting at the Fulme, Judge's Court, Supreme Court, at 10.15 a.m. today.

## Economic Revolution Is Foreseen In Plans To Mobilise Labour, Industry

"Already we are spending over £14,000,000—just about \$60,000,000 (U.S.) daily—and if we look back twelve months, we can see that something like economic revolution has taken place," said MR. DONALD TYMANN, a well-known economist, when he broadcast from London yesterday on how Britain was standing up to the financial cost of the war. "The rate of expenditure on the war has doubled," continued Mr. Tymann, "so you can understand that the powers taken by the Churchill Government have been brought into play."

"To call this a revolution is no exaggeration. It is the difference between war economy and peace economy. I don't know any more than you do what the budget is going to be, but I have an idea that in 1941-42 by the end of March next year, three-fifths of the national income will be spent by the Government and not by us civilians. This is about sixty per cent. In peace time the proportion of Government spending was twenty per cent., or only about one-fifth or one-sixth."

"If the Government is spending 11 to 12 shillings out of every £2 or income, it is clear that every activity in the country is to be directed and controlled by the Government in one way or another. This is being done by stages and it is nothing like complete yet."

"Other countries like the United States will find in the same way that this sort of transformation has got to be done by stages, but that does not mean that the democracies are inefficient in the conduct of their economic war and that it puts capital and labour into supreme command."

GOING SLOW  
"When you put labour and industry in supreme command it means that it acts slowly. This going slow is the English way. It is not fast because sometimes we have had to pay pretty heavily for it."

Mr. Tymann went on to declare that in the world of the present day, lessons in economy had to be learnt by experience of the work that had to be done. They were now moving forward to the rationing of all industries, labour and materials so that these could be used solely for the war effort.

"So you have the impression of all supplies to manufacturers being controlled and there is also this new plan to concentrate all civilian efforts in a few efficient plants that are working full time and so realise working people and factory plants to be used for war contracts," said Mr. Tymann.

"There is no conscription for industry yet, but the principle is laid down now that women and men not of military age, will be called upon to register for war work. As Mr. Bevin said, everybody in the country must be in the working classes or in the army. This is the English way."

SHIPPING SPACE  
Mr. Tymann stated that supplies were being limited owing to the need of shipping space. It was not a question of limiting supplies to industry, but to make certain that the ration of supply that industry gets was used to the best advantage of the country.

"There is some evidence of national character in our plans for labour," said Mr. Tymann. "No-body said that we must have a plan to make every man and woman go to work for the war. But that is what is now being done piece-meal."

"Take the registration of labour. All engineers were asked at the beginning of the war to give in their names because engineers were most wanted. Then a plan was introduced not for all labour, but for dock and shipyard labour, because what was most wanted then was a plan for the loading and unloading of ships with all speed. In this important problems are solved as they arise."

"I know the disadvantage of this and the argument that if you take too long to solve a problem it will become more difficult. But it is not possible to produce workers like rabbits out of a hat. So now we have this general plan for the mobilisation of industry, but it is only fair to say that there are dangers in being over systematic like the Germans."

## SMALL FIRE

A small pile of waste paper caught alight on the sixth floor of the Bank of East Asia building at 10 a.m. yesterday. Two appliances from Central Fire Station were despatched to the scene. No damage was reported.

## Hemingway Inspects Kwangtung Front

Mr. Ernest Hemingway, well-known American journalist and correspondent for the newspaper P.M., who arrived in Shikwan from Hongkong a few days ago, left for the front on an inspection tour, accompanied by a number of officers of the military headquarters.

Mr. Hemingway is expected to spend a week at the front and then return to resume his journey to Chongking. (Central News).

## H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C.G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police

CHINESE COMPANY  
Training Course (Part IV): Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu Chuen on Wednesday, April 2 at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

## INDIAN COMPANY

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

## FLYING SQUAD

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

## EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Training Course (Part II): Members of the "B" Company will attend No. 2 Police Station on Wednesday and Friday, April 2 and 4 at 17.15 hours sharp for Part II of Training Course.

Patrol Duty: Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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## GOVERNMENT HOUSE DINNER PARTY

His Excellency the Belgian Ambassador to China, Baron Jules Guillaume, was the guest of honour at a small official dinner party given by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, at Government House last night.

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## BRITAIN'S COMMAND OF SEA-POWER BEING BROUGHT HOME WITH FULL FORCE

The war at sea is mostly a matter of routine operations, which may occasionally develop into anything else," said LT-COMDR. THOMAS WOODRUFFE, B.C. naval commentator, when he broadcast from London on Sunday on the work being done by the Royal Navy, laying particular stress on the protection of convoys.

Comdr. Woodruffe declared that if the officer in charge of the ships which escort a convoy was questioned on his work, he would, perhaps, admit that it was pretty boring at times, but he would naturally emphasize how important it was to be ever ready for emergencies.

### DIFFICULT WORK

Comdr. Woodruffe referred to a brief Admiralty communique which was issued recently on an attack by a convoy by German E-Boats. The attack had failed and none of the ships in the convoy had been

damaged. This sort of work, especially in winter, was very difficult. The weather was hazy and conditions for the loading and unloading of ships was by no means easy. Thus, apart from the enemy, nature herself put up a great many hazards that had to be overcome.

Comdr. Woodruffe next described the E-Boats used by the Germans for these attacks on shipping. They were really known as fast boats. Some of them were built of wood and carried torpedo and small armaments. Their tactics were to lie in wait in some part of the sea where they had been informed a convoy might be passing. When the convoy appeared, they dashed out of the haze at high speed, fired their torpedoes and disappeared into the darkness.

"They have had their successes," continued Comdr. Woodruffe, "but not to the extent they were expected to have. Night after night our men have to be on the alert, because one never knew when these E-boats would come roaring out of the darkness. If our gunners are not keyed up for such incidents, they might just as well be below decks in their hammocks."

### FALSE SECURITY

"When nothing happens for some time, it is liable to lull people into a false sense of security. These convoys, of course, reach their ports safely and the escorting vessels look upon the matter as merely another incident in their usual work."

Comdr. Woodruffe related an incident reported by a correspondent who travelled with a convoy. They had not met any enemy surface craft or bombers, but some reconnaissance planes had appeared and one of these was promptly shot down.

"This may be just an incident," said Comdr. Woodruffe, "but it is news for all that, when it is remembered that these ships go sailing along in enemy waters or in a sea which Signor Mussolini boasted would be as full of submarines as a dog's bed of fleas."

"Our ability to control the Mediterranean is the result of efficiency and complete ascendancy of morale. This news is not handed to you on a plate. It is the result of hard training in peace time and of the resolute and inspired leadership and centuries of tradition."

"In other words, it is the result of our navy having been, and being, what it is—the best in the world," declared Comdr. Woodruffe.

### LATEST SUCCESSES

The speaker next referred to the latest British success against the Italian fleet. The fact that there were no details given in the first report of the engagement was because a commander pursuing fleeing Italian ships would not have time to give a long story to the public.

"At the same time it has been announced that H.M.S. Formidable, a sister ship of the aircraft-carrier Illustrious, is now operating with the fleet under Admiral Cunningham," said Comdr. Woodruffe. "It will be a valuable addition to our Mediterranean strength."

"With their bases, placed as they are, the Italians can rely on their aircraft to support their whole fleet. We have had to take our aerodromes round with us—so we have built aircraft carriers. Japan, the United States and Germany are the only other navies in the world which have aircraft-carriers."

"Our submarines in the Mediterranean are taking a steady toll of enemy shipping. Italy had only three-million tons of merchant shipping and when Signor Mussolini declared war, a certain number of these vessels had to run into neutral ports and since the war quite a number of his merchant ships have been bombed and the Greeks have sunk several transports in the Adriatic."

"If this continues, Signor Mussolini might find himself very short of ships to transport troops, if the Germans look to him for ships to send him reinforcements in Africa."

"In the meantime, the command of sea-power is being brought home with full force to the Axis partners," concluded Comdr. Woodruffe.

## CRACK REINFORCEMENTS FOR S'PORE GARRISON

SINGAPORE, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — The first units of the British Army and Royal Air Force to reach the Far East from the United Kingdom since the war began, have arrived in Singapore. This announcement was made yesterday by the C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, announcing additional reinforcements.

He added that the majority of the newcomers were of famous Indian regiments. The personnel of the R.A.F. includes some of Britain's crack fighter pilots while the British Army reinforcements include artillery, infantry and mechanised units.

## Moller Ship Pirated

### MACHINE-GUN FIRE TO HALT VESSEL

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — The arrival of the British 500-ton coastal steamer, MARILYSE MOLLER, revealed that the vessel was pirated off Halkow, a port in Fukien province on Mar. 22, when everything movable, including radio equipment and weather instruments, were stripped from the ship and taken away.

In addition, 27 Chinese are reported to have been kidnapped and several others wounded when the pirates opened machine-gun fire to halt the vessel.

The piracy is said to have occurred shortly after almost 24-hour detention by a Japanese warship for inspection. Between 20 and 30 pirates are said to have participated in the raid.

## IONIAN SEA BATTLE

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A reply was received and it is possible that some of these men may have been saved.

### ENEMY SIGHTED

The Admiralty communique, describing the action, stated that on Thursday air reconnaissance reported sighting enemy warships steering east. On Friday morning the British Fleet sighted a battleship of the Littorio class, accompanied by cruisers, south-west of Crete, and two battleships, with cruisers and destroyers north of this position. The enemy ships were travelling at high speed and were gradually veering westward.

At this stage, Greek naval units took up strategic positions in support of the British.

The Littorio type battleship was soon the object of repeated attacks by Fleet Air Arm torpedoes and she was seriously damaged, her speed being considerably reduced. Meanwhile the R.A.F. came into the attack and several hits were scored on cruisers and destroyers, their loss of speed enabling the British to keep the enemy ships within target range.

### DEVASTATING EFFECT

The Warship's first attack on the Fiume had a devastating effect and the Italian ship was soon lit up with a violent red flame. The whole scene was lit up with gunfire and then, darkness set in.

Among the survivors was Capt. Despial, of the Italian cruiser Pola. Admiral Cantoni, commanding the Italian 8-inch cruiser squadron, is missing.

The survivors were landed at Athens.

## Mr. Attlee And The Post-War World

LONDON, March 31 (Reuter) — Looking ahead to the day when Britain will have won the war and peace, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal speaking in Glasgow yesterday, predicted that in the new world, war would be abolished and the shameful blot of poverty in the midst of plenty would be removed.

"We have to endeavour to free people from the bondage of fear—fear of destruction either by war or by want. These are the two things which have oppressed the people of the twentieth century."

### RILEY GAOLED

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — Jack Riley, the gambling "king," was yesterday sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in Menell Island.

In passing sentence, Judge Milton Helmick added the recommendation that Riley's sentence be reduced to 12 months provided his behaviour in prison is good.

The Indian reinforcements include Punjab, Mussulmans, Rajputs and Dogras as well as troops from Indian states in both north and south India.

After announcing the arrivals today, Air Marshal Brooke-Popham declared: "Our greatly increased strength in the East is a threat to no-one, but on the other hand, it is a great stabilising force and influence for peace. Already India and Australia have sent strong forces to this area and they are continuing to play a most important part in maintaining the status quo in the Far East."

"It is cause for considerable satisfaction to be able to record that the situation in other theatres of war is so favourable that forces from so far distant as the United Kingdom can not only be spared for service in this area but can be transported safely in spite of the concentrated sea and air campaign waged against our sea communications throughout the world."

### BROADCAST WELCOME

Many of the military reinforcements from Britain have seen service in this war and they are equipped with the latest British material designed as a result of the lessons learned during the first year of warfare.

Sir Shenton Thomas, the Governor of Singapore, in a broadcast yesterday evening, greeted the reinforcements "cordially and gratefully."

Hundreds of Indians were at the docks to welcome the Indian reinforcements of troops, who appeared extremely fit.

### INDIAN CEREMONY

An object of special note on the deck of one transport was reverently guarded, the "Granth Sahib" (the sacred Scriptures of the Hindus), which was escorted ashore with due ceremony.

In his broadcast, Sir Shenton Thomas said it was good to know that in Malaya there was "the same happy combination of British, Australian and Indian units which a few weeks ago had destroyed the Italian armies in Libya."

He welcomed them, he said, because "we wish for peace and strength is the insurance of peace. We have no desire to attack others but we will and can defend ourselves."

## SOVIET PAPER ON CHINA WAR

MOSCOW, Mar. 31 (Central) — Commenting upon the war in China, the RED STAR, the Soviet Army organ, said today that the Japanese seem to have turned their attention to the South China front during the current year.

The recent Japanese landing in Kwangtung in the opinion of the paper must be viewed with more significance than previous landings but the Chinese were able to put up strong resistance to check their advance northward and their counter-offensive was successful.

### ENDED IN FAILURE

Referring to the Japanese reverses in Central China, the paper said that the Japanese plan to complete the occupation of the Peiping-Bankow Railway had ended in failure. It suspected that the Japanese might be contemplating a fresh offensive in the Ichang sector in Kupeh, judging by their present troop movements there.

The paper pointed out that the Chinese Air Force had grown considerably and had staged terrific raids over Japanese bases, aerodromes and other military objectives.

## Brest Docks Straddled

A powerful force of R.A.F. bombers attacked Brest on Sunday night, states a London message. The docks were straddled by medium, large and very large bombs.

Calais was also attacked by a smaller force of bombers.

All our aircraft returned safely. Air activity over Britain on Sunday night was on a small scale.

Yesterday morning German long-range guns opened fire across the Straits of Dover but no damage or casualties were reported.

## MATSUOKA IN ROME

Commenting on Mr. Matsuoka's arrival in Rome yesterday for talks with Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano today, a message from Sydney, referring to the attempt by the Nazis to persuade the Japanese Foreign Minister to make his warships available to the Germans, added, "It may be expected now that Mr. Matsuoka will think hard and long before committing his country to any such proposal."

## JAPANESE OIL RUMOURS

Rumours are current in Macao that the Japanese Government are demanding oil concessions in the Portuguese Island of Timor, south-west of the Celebes. The Portuguese gunboat, Goncalo Velha left Macao for Timor about two weeks ago. It is reported.

## WHOLESALE BANK ROBBERY

According to latest word received from Norway, the Germans had up to January first of this year—taken the sum of one billion three hundred and forty-nine million crowns from the Bank of Norway.

Two weeks later, Jan. 15, the amount of plundered money totalled one billion, four hundred and eighty-two million crowns, not counting the value of large quantities of requisitioned materials.

Some idea of what this means to Norwegian economy can be grasped from the fact that the entire budget of the Norwegian State during the last year of normal times was about seven hundred million crowns.

### MR. CLARENCE GAUSS

CHUNGKING, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — A Chinese dispatch from Washington reports that Mr. Clarence Gauss, the new Ambassador to China, is scheduled to leave Washington early in April by Clipper for Hongkong, then proceeding by air to Chungking.

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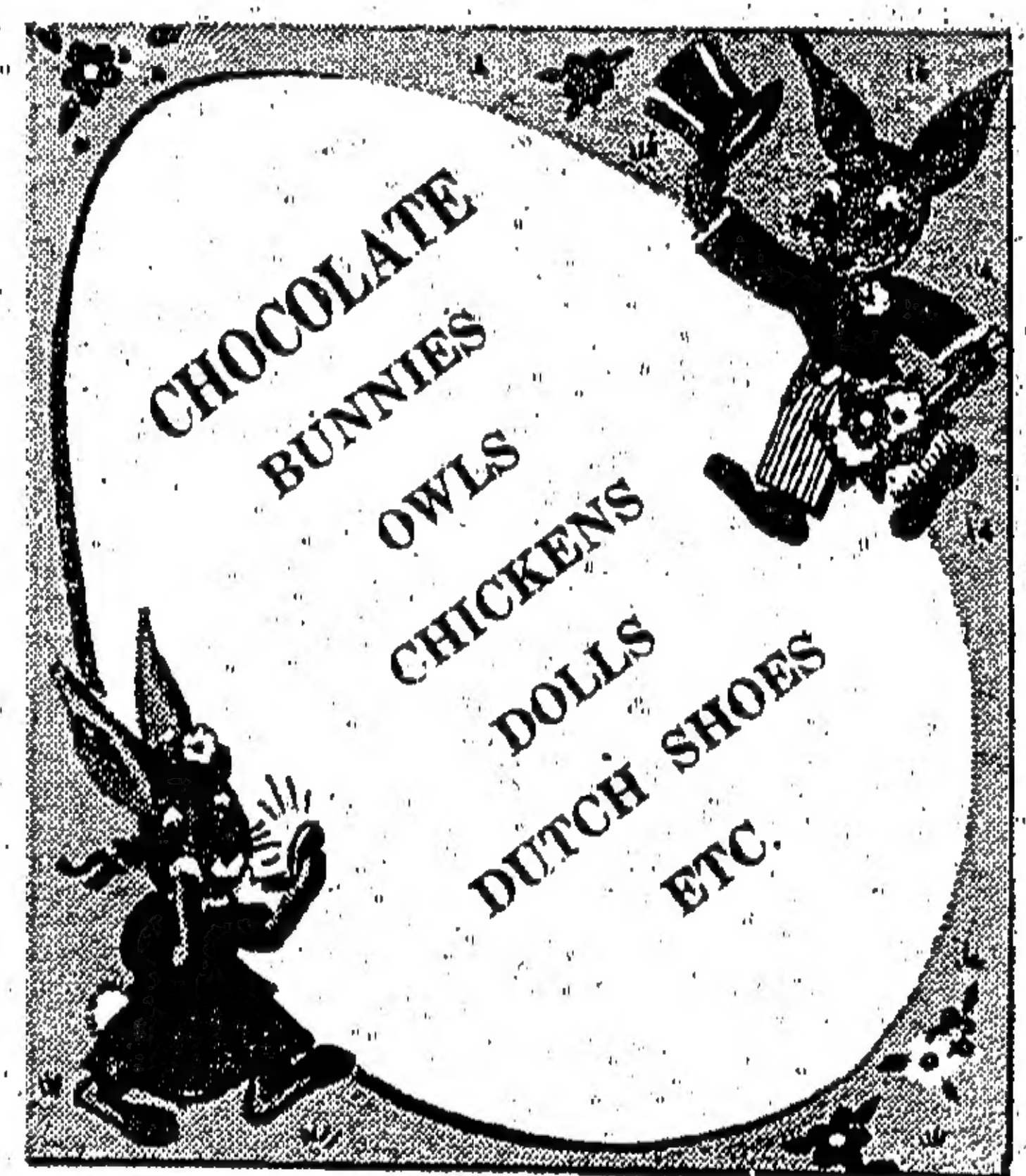
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### MOTOR MISHAPS

Alighting from a bus while in motion, a woman, Leung Sam, aged 42, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition. According to a Police report, the accident occurred in Kimberley Road on Sunday.

### AGED COUPLE HURT

An aged couple were seriously injured yesterday about 7.30 p.m. when they ran across Castle Peak Road, near the Precious Blood Hospital, and were knocked down by a bus driven by Wong Pui. Both were admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

### JUNK COLLISION

A collision occurred between a Royal Navy patrol vessel and a junk off Stanley on Saturday night. The craft was waterlogged but the 16 Chinese on board were rescued. There were no casualties.

## Diredawa Is Occupied

Diredawa was occupied by South African forces on Saturday afternoon, states a London message.

This means that the vital railway between Addis Ababa and Djibouti has been cut and last of the few lines of escape closed to the Italians.

A Nairobi communique states that in East Africa in the Yavello area operations are proceeding according to plan. In three days, 441 European prisoners, 317 African, ten heavy guns, three field guns, 15 machine-guns, three tractors, 19 lorries and a considerable quantity of assorted war material have been captured. In Eritrea, British troops are approaching Asmara, the capital, which was heavily raided by the R.A.F.

## EDEN AND DILL IN ATHENS

Mr. Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and Gen. Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, have arrived back in Athens, states a London message. They will consult with leaders of the Greek Government and the aim of conversations will be prevention of the extension of war in the Balkans.

## STRIKE SITUATION IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — The strikes in the various United States defence industries show some improvement. It is also announced that a settlement has been reached in the Bethlehem Steel Company's works at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

C.I.O. (Congress of Industrial Organizations) workers at a meeting in Chicago agreed to return to work immediately at four International Harvester Company factories which have been closed for eight weeks.

## RESISTING NAZI PRESSURE

From Oslo reports have just leaked out to the effect that Norwegian police forces are courageously striving to resist Nazi usurpation of power and to protect the civil population from Nazi brutality.

In December the Oslo police broke up a fight between Storm Troopers and citizens, but one policeman was killed in retaliation by the troopers.

And on Dec. 15 the puppet regime ordered Oslo police to acknowledge the superior authority of the Storm Troopers in downtown areas. Several days later a new order made it obligatory for Norwegian policemen to use a Nazi salute.

Between 70 and 80 officers immediately turned in their resignations, while an additional hundred men refused to go on duty when they learned of this latest order. All policemen who dared protest against the required salute were threatened with two months' imprisonment.



## TWO MAH-JONGG SCHOOL FOKIS FACE CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

Alleged to have assaulted a Chinese and caused his death, two foks of a mah-jongg school, NG YU-MING, 21, and TSOI TIN, 17, were charged with manslaughter before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for the defendants.

## Winding-Up Petition Withdrawn

An application for the winding-up of the Kam Ling Hotel Co., Ltd. was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The application was made by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jnr who appeared on behalf of the petitioners, certain creditors and liquidators, and was instructed, respectively, by Messrs. M. de Silva, H. A. de B. Botelho and F. H. Loseby.

The petition was withdrawn upon the terms that the costs of the petitioners, of the supervising creditors, and of the liquidators, of and incidental to the winding-up proceedings, as from the date of the petition, be taxed, as between solicitors and clients, and to be paid out of the assets of the voluntary winding-up as the first charge.

## SKATING CONTEST

A very high standard of skating was displayed by all competitors when the first skating contest was held at the Ciro's Skating Rink last night.

Miss Lai Po-chun distributed the prizes. The following were the results:—Fancy skating (for children)—1. Mak Mei-pai, 2. Lee Chee-wan, 3. Shek Ka-chee.

Mixed Doubles (fancy)—1. Wong Cheung-ku and Miss Tsang Ting-yuk, 2. Cheung Ko-ming and Miss Mary Ho, 3. Wong Sze-hwa and Miss Janney Lee.

Women's fancy skating—1. Linda

Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson said that about 5 p.m. on March 4 the deceased, Tsoi Yau-sheung, went to a mah-jongg school at No. 234, Kiliang Street where he took up a position near the centre and watched the game.

A quarrel began when second defendant accidentally knocked the deceased's elbow, and, as a result, deceased was chased out of the school.

It was alleged that deceased went outside the school and challenged second accused to come out to fight, which the latter did.

## KICK ON BACK

Second accused allegedly gave the deceased a kick on the back and brought him to the ground. The deceased got up and continued to fight. At this stage, first defendant came from behind and gave the deceased a blow on the right ear and he fell unconscious.

The deceased regained consciousness and sat on the ground until he was picked up by a detective and sent to Kowloon Hospital where he died about 8 p.m. the same evening.

Hearings was adjourned until April 15.

Defendants are on \$100 bail each.

## CROWN LAND SALES

Rural Building Lot No. 442, situated at Island Road, Tytam Bay, with an area of 30,000 square feet, was yesterday sold at the P.W.D. offices at the upset price of \$7,500 to the original applicant, there being no other bidder.

Nip. 2. Susie Wong, 3. Tsang Ting-yuk.

Men's fancy skating—1. George Yuo, 2. Robert Tai, 3. Artie Shaw.

## Statement Of Accounts For B.W.O.F.

The following statement of Receipts and Payment Account of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong, for the month of February, 1941, has been received:—

RECEIPTS	
To balance brought forward at Feb. 1, 1941	\$20,110.97
To Donations and Subscriptions Feb. 1941	18,546.32
To Sales of Central Hospital Supply Service Badges and Wool	19.20
Total:	\$38,676.49

PAYMENTS	
By purchase of Sheet, Calico, Hospital requirements and Sewing Materials	\$ 2,110.66
By Packing, Transport, Freight, Marine and War Risk Insurance	634.20
By Office Expenses (Salaries and Wages, etc.)	379.51
Expenditure for Feb. 1941	\$ 3,124.37
BALANCE	
Monies in Hand on Feb. 28, 1941:	
Current Account (H.K. and S'hai Bank)	\$35,532.25
Petty Cash	19.87
Total:	\$35,552.12

## B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F.

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$687,666.72.  
Anonymous, \$20; A. Whittaker (Monthly), 5; Hongkong Amateur Cine Club—Proceeds of Performance of film "Evening" on 12/3/41, per F. A. Kaufman, Secretary, 141; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, 1,000; S. W. P. Perry (Monthly), 25; A. C. Wilcox (March), 25; The Frison Staff (March), 198.04; Portuguese Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (March), 50; V. Hak, 10; The Hongkong Football Club (Being a Bowls prize

## "BABY BONDS", SAVING STAMPS TO RAISE \$4,000,000 FOR U.S. DEFENCE

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., last night announced that the treasury would start sale of an unlimited quantity of "baby bonds" and savings stamps on May 1, as well as two series of defence savings bonds, one at discount and the other bearing interest. These will be offered to larger investors.

## A NEW WORRY FOR NAZIS

Hundreds of school children marched in procession up Karl Johan Street—the main thoroughfare of Oslo—in a bold demonstration against the Nazi-appointed commissioner of education, on February 13th, it was learned today from reliable sources.

Puppet-commissioner Ragnar Skancke had previously ordered all elementary and high school pupils to attend the Hitler-Youth Exposition, recently opened in Oslo. This was a signal for wide-spread rebellion among young Norwegians. Not only did they refuse to visit the Exposition, but they stayed out of school and several schools were compelled to close.

Marching up Karl Johan Street to the Royal Castle, the boys and girls sang "God save our king" at the top of their voices until they were dispersed.

That there is ever-growing opposition to Nazi designs on the school system of Norway is evidenced by an editorial in the current issue of the Hirdmannen (The Storm Trooper).

Heaping abuse on both pupils and teachers, the Nazi mouthpiece rages over the failure of the Quisling party's efforts to nazify the school programme. Teachers have flatly refused to give instruction in 'New Order' ideology, while students, encouraged by their parents, have simply ignored the few classes held by Nazi lecturers. Both parents and children agree that it is better to abandon school altogether than to be educated in the art of betraying their native land.

won by C. G. Solis at the Hongkong Football Club, 8; Edgar Davidson (Monthly), 50; J. Finnie, 50. Total \$689,248.78.

The treasury hopes to raise \$4,000,000,000 for national defence from the bonds and stamps by June 1942.

## INTEREST BEARING

The "baby bonds" will be issued in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, and holdings will be limited to \$5,000 for each person. All of the bonds will be sold at 75 per cent. of their maturity value at the end of 10 years and will bear interest of 2.9 per cent. compounded semi-annually.

The "baby bonds" cannot be sold to corporations, banks or trusts.

The stamps, in denominations of 25 cents and \$5 will be sold at post offices.

The larger bonds, for larger investors, range from \$100 to \$10,000 each.


## FOREIGN ASSETS

Morgenthau declared in a press conference that there were no developments in connexion with freezing of foreign assets in the United States. He said he had received no requests or recommendations from the state department for further freezing of foreign assets.

Asked regarding prospects of going through with a currency stabilisation agreement with China, Morgenthau said he would have to consult experts before he could give an answer. It was believed Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's administrative assistant who recently studied China's economic situation, was among the experts Morgenthau referred to.

## LOCAL ESTATE

A petition by Lo Sing-ho, engineer, of No. 29 Waterloo Road, for a double probate of the will of the late Mr. Lo Lai-sang, who died on May 20, 1923, at No. 43 Ship St. has been granted. The late Mr. Lo left local estate valued at \$8,000.



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## STORM-TROOPERS ATTACK SCHOOL CHILDREN

A thirteen year-old boy was taken from the school at Gimsøy, near Skien, Norway, by storm troopers and severely flogged with leather straps, according to a story in the Swedish newspaper, Socialdemokraten.

A gang of troopers came to the school demanding that four pupils suspected of having bothered a young Norwegian Nazi be turned over to them for punishment.

This most recent attack has aroused fierce anger among the people of the district, while the school doctor and the principal

## LOYAL MAGISTRATE HONOURED

In recognition of the loyal services of the late Mr. Yuan Chin-hung, acting Magistrate of Tsin-pang, who was killed while resisting the Japanese, the National Government has granted a solatium of \$3,000 to his family and approved the erection of a stone tablet in Tsin-pang to perpetuate his memory.—(Central News).

have sent formal protests to the Department of Education saying that such incidents are both disastrous to school work and harmful to children's minds.

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MARCH 31, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	448
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	1 1/2 1/2
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8	
On demand	82 5/8
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/4	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	45 1/2
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	106
On Manila:—	
On demand	48 1/2
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/2

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, March 31.  
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 7/16 for Forward. American Silver was unquoted.  
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

## MARKET

## STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to April probably May, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

No transactions were reported. There were sellers at 24 9/16 up to May, buyers at 24 5/8 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 460 1/2. A small business was done at 461 and also 461 1/4. The market closed with sellers at 462, buyers probably at 462 1/2.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3 1/4 and closed slightly lower at 3 1/4 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 11/32 and closed a shade lower at 5 5/16 for Spot.

## AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

## STERLING

No business was done. The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to April, probably May, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

## U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 24 9/16 up to May, buyers at 24 5/8 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Closed with sellers at 463 1/2, buyers probably at 464.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened this afternoon with sellers of Sterling at 3 1/4 and closed easier at 3 1/4 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 5/16 and closed easier at 5 9/32 for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, March 31 (Reuter).

Sterling	
Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-17/64 0/3-15/64
Apr.	0/3-17/64 0/3-15/64
U. S. Dollars	
Spot	\$5-11/32 \$5-9/32
Apr.	\$5-11/32 \$5-9/32
Market	Uncertain.

## CENTRAL BANK OF CHINA

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The following authorised statement was issued by the Shanghai branch of the Central Bank of China: "The necessary repairs to buildings have been completed; the offices of the Shanghai branch of the Central Bank of China will resume business on Tuesday, April 1."

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Mar. 29 (Reuter).	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.36	11.17	11.05	11.31	26 up
New York Rubber, May	22.82	22.65	22.78	22.65	13 off
Chicago Wheat, May	91 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	91 1/2	13 up
Chicago Corn, May	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	13 up
New York Hides, June	13.90	13.85	13.82	13.87	05 up

NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	11.05/05	11.20/22	11.31/31	26 up
July	11.01/02	11.20/20	11.24/26	23 up
October	10.91/91	11.15/12	11.15/16	24 up
December	10.89/89	11.08/08	11.15/17	25 up
January	10.87/87	11.03/03	11.12/12	25 up
March	10.87/87	11.02/00	11.10/11	23 up
Spot	11.35		11.61	26 up

Total sales Friday:—230,800 bales.	
NEW YORK RUBBER	
May	22.78b/85a
July (New contract)	22.32/32
September	21.78b/83a
December	21.53 N
January	21.50b
March	21.40b/50a
Spot	21.50b
Total sales for the day:—290 tons.	

CHICAGO WHEAT	
May	90/89 1/2
July	88/87 1/2
September	88 1/2/88 1/2
Friday's sales:—19,165,000 bushels.	

CHICAGO CORN	
May	86 1/2/86 1/2
July	86 1/2/86 1/2
September	87/87 1/2
Friday's sales:—32 contracts.	

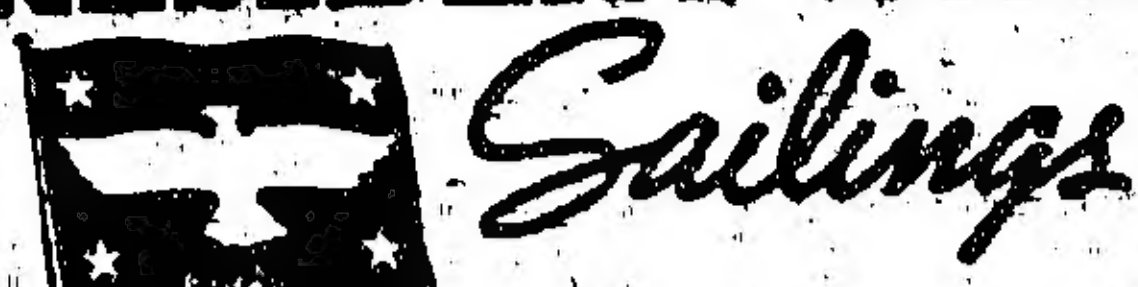
NEW YORK COCOA	
May	8.97 N
July	8.90b/7.10a
September	8.97 N
Friday's sales:—306 lots.	

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3	
May	2.39b/40a
July	2.40b/41a
September	2.41b/42a
Friday's sales:—83 lots.	

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4	
May	83b/84a
July	87b/88a
September	87b/88a
Friday's sales:—83 lots.	

July	11.91b/95a	11.80b/99a	11.83b/90a	.05	on
NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL					
July	8.19/19		8.27b/29a	.08	up
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		unquoted		
N.Y. London Silver	423 1/4		423 1/4		



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BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.  
TOYOOKA MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd Apr.  
HAKONE MARU ... Friday, 11th Apr.

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore  
HAKODATE MARU ... Tuesday, 1st Apr.  
MATUMOTO MARU ... Thursday, 10th Apr.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA  
AZUMA MARU ... Monday, 14th Apr.  
ASAMA MARU ... Tuesday, 16th Apr.  
HUSIMI MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd Apr.  
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"The recent outbreak of yellow fever in South Sudan has caused anxiety in countries far away from the locality where it occurred," says the League of Nations Health Organisation Eastern Bureau, Singapore's annual report for 1940, in a reference to the possibilities of the spread of the fever to the Far East and Asia.

Proceeding, it says:-

"For example, it resulted in the immediate notification by the Netherlands Indian Government of Kordofan Province as infected with yellow fever.

"As this is the first instance of undoubted cases of yellow fever occurring in the Sudan by the thousands, it confirms the value of the mouse-protection test as an indicator of the so-called 'silent zones'.

"The nature of the present outbreak in the Nuba Mountains lends support to the view that it

has been latent for some years, and has not been recently imported from the endemic zones of West Africa.

"This leads one to suspect that regions still further east in the Fung area right up to the foot-hills of Abyssinia or into the borders of Uganda, which are regarded as 'silent zones', may flare up similarly at any time.

"Further, the comparative absence of Aedes in the Nuba Mountains area has been puzzling the entomologists, who are being led to suspect that this outbreak may not be the urban or rural type with Aedes Aegypti as the vector, but the jungle type, the vectors of which still remain to be determined.

"Detailed expert investigations which are now in progress will, it is hoped, soon reveal the real type of the disease.

**RISK TO INDIA**

"British India constitutes the next line of defence for the Far East and it is important to realise that the risk of the spread of yellow fever to British India has been engaging the serious attention of the public health authorities of the Government of that country, who are quite alive to all its possibilities, and have recently framed 'special rules to combat them'.

"Karachi aerodrome has been rendered anti-malarial and is the first port of call of all east-bound planes entering India.

"Disinsection is carried out at Cairo before planes leave for Karachi, where crew and passengers must produce certificates of vaccination against yellow fever if a period of nine days has not elapsed since leaving a yellow fever infected area, or undergo observation for the balance of that period in a place to which mosquitoes have no access."

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**Axis Vessels In America****ARMED U.S. GUARDS PLACED ON BOARD**

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The number of Italian ships on which armed American guards have been placed is now stated to be 28 including the 23,000-ton liner Conte Biancamano at Cristobal, Panama.

Guards have also been placed on two German ships, namely, the Aracuna at Port Everglades, Florida, and the Pauline Friedrich at Boston.

The discovery of "wholesale damage" on some of these ships was announced by Mr. Herbert Gaston, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury. He said that the measures taken in consequence of this discovery were "purely protective." President Roosevelt, he added, had approved of the steps taken.

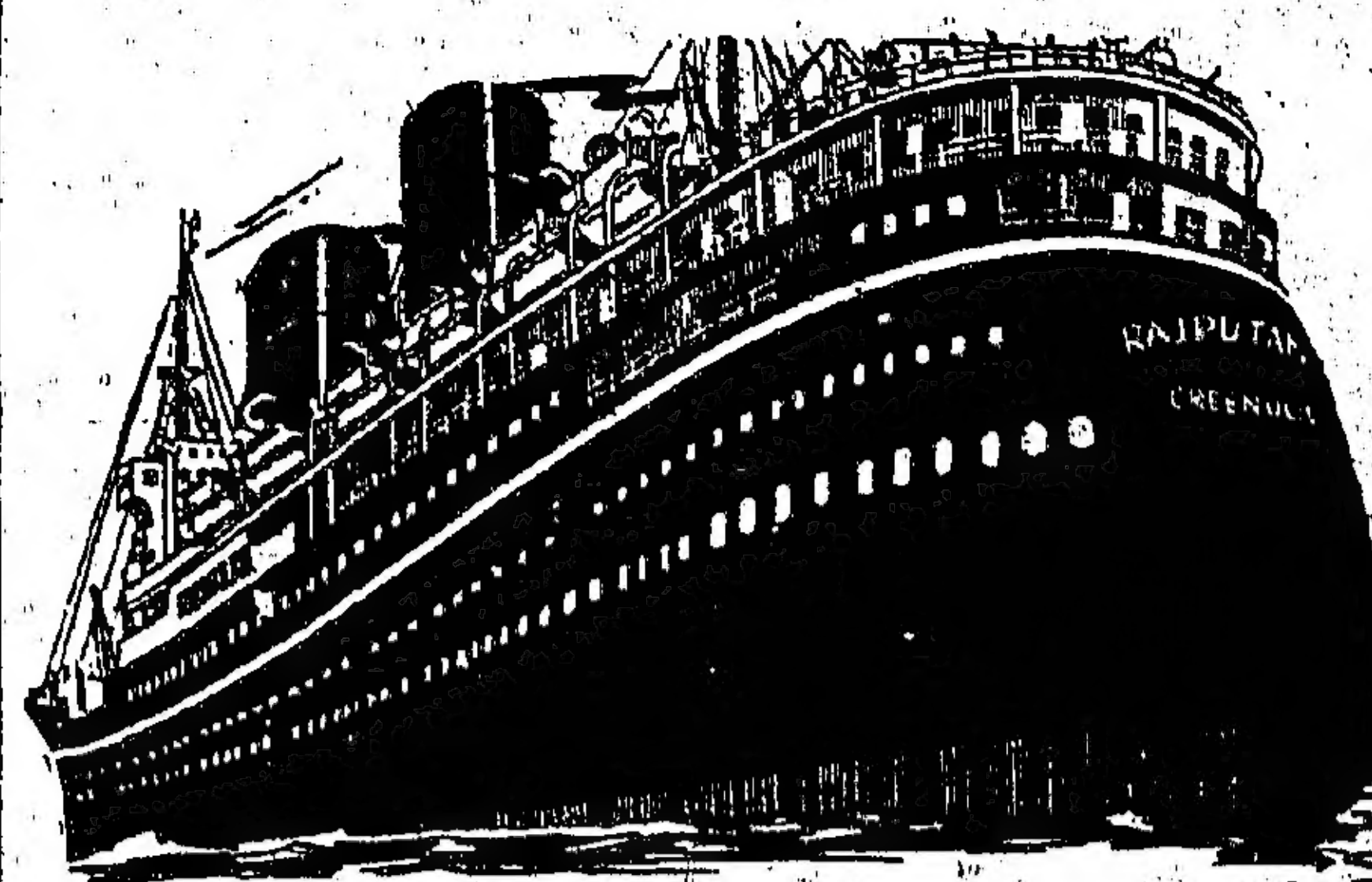
**GERMAN VESSEL LEAVES SHAI****To Be Converted Into Raider In Japan?**

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—Considerable mystification and much speculation surrounds the unobtrusive departure from Shanghai during the week-end of the large German freighter Ramses, which had been tied up in the local harbour since the outbreak of war.

The present whereabouts of the Ramses are not disclosed but it is unofficially stated that she has headed for Japan.

It is learned that the ship left port without first procuring clearance papers from the local authorities.

Water-front circles in Shanghai believe that the Ramses, which is of 7,493 tons, will most probably be converted into a raider. The only other large Axis ship in Shanghai is the Italian Conte Verde, of 18,500 tons.

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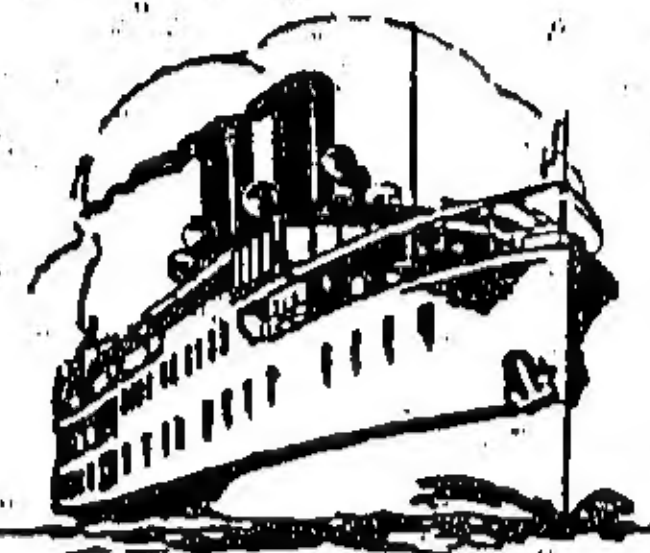
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### MINERS OF BRITAIN PLAYING THEIR PART IN THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

"The miners of Britain realize that many of the liberties which they enjoy now will no longer be possible under Nazi rule. Like yourselves, we do not like anything in the way of compulsion, but when it becomes necessary we are prepared to do anything to co-operate in the cause in which we are fighting," said MR. J. DOWDING, a Yorkshire miner, in a broadcast from London yesterday, in the series "WORKING TOGETHER."

### THIRD-DEGREE METHODS OF THE GESTAPO

Right in line with reports on 'Nazi Chivalry' is the information given out by responsible Norwegian sources to the effect that the Gestapo are introducing their inhuman but customary methods in Norway.

As far as the treatment of political prisoners is concerned, once they have been sentenced, there are only rumours; but reports on the procedure of the Gestapo while questioning victims are full and horrible.

Such ways of questioning Norwegians as striking them in the face with a fist for emphasis are commonplace third-degree methods. More novel is the method of having the prisoner stand barefoot in the snow and then be shot at as near his legs as possible without hitting him.

Political offenders who are sentenced to more than three months' imprisonment are transported to German prisons for their term. Others remain in Norwegian prisons where the treatment up to now has supposedly been much better.

### CRISIS IN NORWAY

The political situation in Norway is rapidly approaching a crisis, says a writer in the Swedish daily, Dagens Nyheter, who has just returned from an extended tour of Norway.

Forecasting important changes in Norway, the journalist claims that the Norwegian Nazi Party, by irresponsible action and high-handed insults against a freedom-loving people, has squandered its chance to rally Norwegians under quelling.

Active resistance to Nazism is growing on all sides, while such problems as increased unemployment, stagnation of production and paralysis of trade are becoming daily more acute. The upshot of the whole situation is, according to this Swedish observer, that Norwegian Nazis are on the spot and that quelling has been told to put his house in order shortly, or else.

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The labyrinth starts below the Centre's underground shopping concourse and goes down for four levels 70 feet below ground—below sea level in some places.

#### LIGHTED AND HEATED

The space is ventilated, lighted and heated by self-contained machine units which supply the buildings above. It even contains a complete restaurant, for building employees, in addition to several kitchens of restaurants above.

Mr. Dowding said that the individual miner had already disappeared because the work which the industry is now called upon to perform made concentrated effort necessary.

#### MINER OF TODAY

The miner of today was the highly intelligent man who took a more serious view of life, who was anxious to see that his children should have the possible education and who was prepared to make the biggest sacrifice to secure that object.

For a long time miners felt that they were rather neglected and they did not intend to let that happen again when peace came. They were represented today on Urban City and County Councils and many of them have reached Parliament.

"The demand for the nationalisation of mines grows stronger every day," said Mr. Dowding, and went on to recall that many miners have joined the fighting services of the country. They were a hardy lot and were ready for a scrap as their work fitted them to become ideal fighters.

#### LITTLE UNEMPLOYMENT

The demand for more coal, during the war, had resulted in many miners being re-employed in the industry. Unemployment in Yorkshire, at any rate, had disappeared. Their work was being adapted to meet the present condition, but it was generally accepted that their work should not be stopped, until it was absolutely necessary because it was vital to the war effort. Full supplies of coal had to be maintained in order to keep the factories which turn out guns, ships, planes, et cetera, going at full blast night and day.

"The miners are prepared to work in this way until the dictators are beaten," said Mr. Dowding. "We know what will happen if we come under their heels."

Most of the miners now had gardens or allotments and they took a special pride in cultivating them, and they vied with other in producing the best crop which was another factor which was necessary to help to win the war. The more they could produce at home the more they could release ships for war work.

#### FULL PART PLAYED

The miners have also started a move to subscribe a penny a week for the Red Cross Fund, and as soon as the Spitfire Funds were organised the miners have played their part in raising money for that object.

In conclusion, Mr. Dowding referred to the part played by women who, he said, were now on their feet for 20 hours out of the 24 doing war work. "Herr Hitler little thought when he forced this war on Britain that all he did was to bring all classes of people from all parts of the Empire together," said Mr. Dowding.

"We know that it is possible for everyone to have a decent standard of living and we insist that this should be the right of everyone."

### BADMINTON RESULTS

The following were the results of championship badminton matches played at the Kowloon C.C. last night:

Men's Junior Doubles.—T. S. Young and M. K. Fung beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 18-17, 15-7.  
Junior Singles.—J. L. Anderson beat E. Zimmermann 15-11, 15-7.  
Odell beat H. B. Jones 15-5, 15-12.  
Senior Singles.—M. P. Young beat P. K. Hooi 17-14, 5-15, 17-15; W. Gillies beat W. K. Choy 15-3, 15-1.

#### REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held today at Hotel Cecil at 8 p.m. Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, will be the Speaker.

### BATTLE OF WITS

The indomitable spirit of Norway finds expression in many ways. For a time patriotic Norwegians wore paper-clips in their lapels as a sign of unity and of "sticking together." When the meaning of this bizarre decoration at last dawned on the Nazi authorities, it was decreed that "The wearing of paper clips in public is forbidden."

Thereupon Norwegians turned to the "safety-pin," which was also banned. And according to latest word from Norway, a current fashion is the wearing of matches in one's button-hole—matches signifying the red-hot hatred against the invader burning in the hearts of Norsemen.

### H.K. Currency Warning

The Assistant Financial Secretary, Mr. D. Kelvin-Stark, yesterday issued an official statement on the recent decision to stop further remittances to areas outside the sterling bloc.

The statement is as follows:—

Instructions have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that, otherwise than in very exceptional circumstances, all existing remittances outside the sterling area made by British subjects (other than Canadian citizens and British subjects of Chinese race) should cease three months after final notice has been given.

Final notice has not yet been given by this Government, as it was thought that certain aspects of the matter, which might lead the Secretary of State to consider that Hongkong should not share this war restriction with the remaining Crown Colonies, had not yet been put before him in full detail.

This Government greatly regrets the suspension occasioned to persons affected but it was thought better to give as early an indication as possible of the fact that remittances may cease.

Exchange control restrictions have been introduced in the Empire solely as part of the war effort and, although this Government is doing everything in its power to present fully to the Home authorities local aspects of the matter, the final decision will have to be taken in London, as the centre of the war effort, almost exclusively from the point of view of national necessity and largely without regard to previous decision taken when national circumstances may have been different.

The authorities in London with their wider grasp of the situation as a whole may decide, for reasons which may not be in the public interest but which may not appear adequate in Hongkong, that this further step must be taken by Hongkong. If so, the public may at least be assured that their interests in the matter have for several months been considered by the Home authorities in much greater detail than war conditions normally permit.

Meanwhile, new remittances, as distinct from existing remittances, have already ceased except in the case of husbands of evacuated families.

The question of provision of passages for persons who would be affected by any restriction by reason of the evacuation is understood to be under consideration by H. M. Treasury in the United Kingdom.

### NEW BURMA FLAG

In Rangoon yesterday, the new national flag of Burma was ceremoniously unfurled by the Governor, Sir Archibald Cochrane, states a London message.

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 1 to 7 Apr. 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Time	Days of Week	Time
Tues. 1	h. m. 00 02	h. m. 05 24	2 9
Wed. 2	11 22	06 27	3 1
Thurs. 3	10 28	05 42	3 2
Fri. 4	09 27	04 58	3 5
Sat. 5	08 24	04 20	3 4
Sun. 6	07 18	03 21	2 3
Mon. 7	06 09	02 23	4 1
	15 27	01 23	4 0
	04 49	12 47	4 0
	17 04	11 51	—

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 1st APRIL, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

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Kweichow  
Hunan  
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